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RACE TRACK

Second sound study ordered

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

PALMER — A Land Court judge recently ruled the Palmer Motorsports Park must make any noise mitigation steps not already taken according to the town's Special Permit and conduct another sound study once the track opens for the racing season. Part of the ruling stated that it found the park is still not in compliance with the 10th condition of the Special Permit.

Land Court Judge Michael D. Vahey made the decision after a trial on a motion by Palmer Building Inspector Bonita J. Weeks asserting the track had not met the 10th condition of the Special Permit the town approved for it in 2007.

The legal process has been going on since 2017, with the town and the track unable to come to agreement on the sound study's process.

"The town is certainly happy with the outcome," said Planning Director Linda Leduc, who said the ruling has laid out what has to be done. "We did not want to see the track closed, we believe it is an asset to economic development. But we needed them to be in compliance."

"I'm happy it's over," said PMP owner Fred Ferguson. "I think it's unfortunate it had to be litigated. Apparently we were unable to come to agreement to satisfy the town's requirements." He said he felt it was a failure that he and the town could not find common ground and had to resort to the legal system.

The order on the motion for relief states the original sound analysis was based on the track's original design, which changed before it was built. Despite the design change, PMP did not apply for a modification of the 10th condition, which said "the applicant shall record actual noise readings to validate the project model and confirm compliance with state regulations. New information shall be submitted to the board for professional review, at the applicant's expense, and proper mitigation measures shall be implemented if needed."

PMP used the same sound consultant as the original owners, which

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COMMUNITY



Enjoying conversation and a glass of wine at Workshop 13's ArtWorks Gallery are artist Susan Tilton Pecora, of Three Rivers, and James Homan, of Westfield. Homan is an artist, actor, and author. The painting of a red tricycle hanging on the wall behind the couple is one of Pecora's works.

Artists share their love through exhibit

Three Rivers artist displays painting

By Lauretta R. St. George-Sorel
Correspondent

WARE — ArtWorks Gallery Director Loretta Medeiros, appropriately dressed for the Valentine-themed event in a vivid

red jacket, greeted friends and art aficionados to the Workshop13's love-based display of art last Saturday evening at the Main Street gallery.

The art of several local artists, including that of Three Rivers artist Susan Tilton Pecora, was featured, including printed stories and comments that explained or offered insight into the artists' in-

spiration for creating each unique piece of art. The artists who were in attendance were delighted to answer questions about their work. A book at the front of the gallery included biographies of each of the artists, and several people perused the book to read about the artists' background.

background.

Pecora's inspiration for one of her favorite works was a painting of a house she recalled at one time was owned by the Moulson family. The house was located on

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Reading the biographies of the artists at the ArtWorks Gallery last Saturday evening was Joy Linder, of Sutton. Linder, herself an artist, is a friend of Susan Pecora, whose work was on display at the event.



Artist Susan Pecora said that in the 1980s she fell in love with a house that was owned by the Moulson family in Ware. It was located where the Taco Bell Restaurant now stands. In fact, she said that she was "obsessed" with the house. Pecora's art work has been exhibited throughout the country, winning numerous awards. She enjoys painting streets, harbors, factories, and farms of New England.

EDUCATION

Career advice shared with Granite Valley students



By Jonah Snowden
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MONSON — Although Presidents Day took place on Monday, Feb. 17, Granite Valley Middle School students celebrated the day last Thursday by hearing from com-

munity members about their career paths. More than five presidents from different companies and institutions across Western Massachusetts, including Steve Lowell, Gene Cassidy, Laurie Flynn, Christina Royal, and Nate Costa, discussed how they became the professional leaders they are today.

The first one to speak was Lowell, president of Monson Savings Bank. After graduating Framingham State University, he decided

to pursue finance, and went from a bank teller to head teller, branch manager, and eventually, president.

A skill that Lowell learned throughout the many transitions in his career is having great customer service skills and being able to build relationships. He also said being a president is a unique experience, and when working as one, you never know what's going to happen,

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EDUCATION

Crayons + heat = art



Vicky Morris, and her daughter, Daisy Morris, at the hot glue station getting their crayons glued onto their canvas. More photos on page 16.

TRANSPORTATION

East West Rail projects discussed

Residents give their opinions

By Peter Spotts
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PALMER — The good news for Palmer is that five of the six East West Passenger Rail study options add Palmer as a stop on the line between Pittsfield and Boston, but residents feel a crucial piece is missing that would provide a significant ridership and revenue boost to the proposed project.

Palmer resident and University of Massachusetts student David Fite and UMass Professor Rob Kusner, also from Palmer, both spoke about the importance of resurrecting the train line between Amherst and Palmer during a public informational meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 12. They said a connection between the two would open up easy access for students to use the trains to travel to

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PALMER

Master Plan grant received

Steering Committee to be created

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

PALMER — The town has received a \$112,500 grant to create a new Master Plan, which will provide a guide for creating the town's future, and is seeking residents who would like to serve on the Master Plan Steering Committee.

"It will have a focus on climate change and we're very excited about the whole process," Planning Director Linda Leduc said. "It's also a very public process, which is help-

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Ashe and Gobi announce public forum on crumbling concrete foundations

MONSON – State Rep. Brian Ashe, D-Longmeadow, and state Sen. Anne Gobi, D-Spencer, will be holding a public forum on Saturday, March 14, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Granite Valley Middle School auditorium, at 21 Thompson St., to update residents throughout Western Mass on the status of crumbling concrete foundations caused by the presence of pyrrhotite.

They will also discuss the state reimbursement program as well as present the final report filed by the Crumbling Concrete Foundations Study Commission. The commission was tasked with examining the financial and economic impacts of crumbling concrete foundations by identifying the affected locations and overall estimated cost to fully restore the damaged foundations. The report also recommends what steps the state should take to address the overall issue and what action can be taken to best assist affected homeowners.

After a brief presentation, there will be a question and answer period.

Monson Democrats to elect state convention delegates

MONSON – Registered Democrats in Monson will hold a caucus on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m., at the Monson Polish Club, 7 Bliss Road, to elect delegates and alternates to the 2020 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention.

This year's convention will be held on Saturday, May 30, at the Tsongas Center in Lowell, MA where thousands of Democrats from across the state will come together to discuss party business and prepare for upcoming elections.

The caucus is open to all registered and pre-registered Monson Democrats. Pre-registered Democrats who are 16 by Feb. 15, are allowed to participate and to run as a delegate or alternate. Monson can elect three delegates and three alternates to the convention.

Youth, minorities, people with disabilities and LGBTQ individuals who are not elected as a delegate or an alternate may apply to be an add-on delegate at the caucus or at www.massdems.org.

Those interested in getting involved with the Monson Democratic Town Committee should call Karen Nothe-Valley, chair at 413-846-3041.

Blood Mobile coming to Ware Feb. 26

WARE – During the winter, inclement weather and illness cause a drop in blood donor activity, making blood donations in February critical.

The Baystate Health Blood Donor Mobile will host a blood drive Wednesday, Feb. 26, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Baystate Mary Lane on the Baystate Health Bloodmobile. In appreciation, all eligible donors will receive a Big Y or Dunkin' Donuts gift card. The bloodmobile will be parked in the North parking lot, located at 85 South St. in Ware.

"Please help us to ensure a safe and adequate blood supply is available by donating blood with the Baystate Health Blood Donor Program," said Deb Oberg, co-coordinator of the Blood Drive held in Ware, "One donation helps to save two lives, and 100 percent of all blood collected on the bloodmobile stays in our community for use in Baystate Health hospitals and facilities."

Blood donations take about one hour to complete, including the interview, donation, and refreshments. To donate blood, one must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, have a photo ID, be in good health (no colds, or sore throat), and have not donated blood within the past eight weeks.

For more information or to book an appointment, call Oberg or Maryann Burian at 967-2180.

Artists invited to enter Juried Spring Art Exhibit

\$4,300 in prizes to be awarded

MONSON – The Monson Arts Council 27th annual Juried Spring Art Exhibit and Sale is now accepting artist's entries.

The show, held in nine rooms in the House of Art on Main Street in Monson, will be open weekends April 4 to April 19. It will be closed on April 12. It will also be open on Thursday evenings, April 9 and April 16, from 5 to 8 p.m., in conjunction with special art show evenings at Main Street Tavern, Monson.

The Monson Arts Council show offers \$4,300 in prizes to artists in four major categories. A \$1,000 Best of Show tops the list of prizes, but the Council also offers four \$500 first prizes and four \$100 second prizes in painting, photography, multi-dimensional art (including sculpture, fiber art and ceramics) and graphic arts (drawing and printmaking). Also, \$800 is given in additional prizes and a People's Choice Award is selected by visitors to the show opening.

Deadline for online entry of work to be hand delivered to the House of Art is March 4. Artists will deliver actual work on March 7. Cost to enter is \$25/one piece, \$35/ two pieces and \$45 three pieces. There is an additional \$15 fee for those who drop off work without prior entry form.

Artists who wish to deliver their work as digital images, may do so by March 11

at 8 p.m. Above fees apply for either hand delivery or digital entry. Specifications for digital image size may be found online.

Sales shop open to all entrants

The Monson Arts Council offers a sales shop at every spring show. New this year – all entrants, juried into show or not, are eligible to offer work for sales in this shop. Guidelines are on the website.

Jurors for this show are Cynthia Consentino who teaches art at University of Massachusetts, Amherst College and Holyoke Community College. Holly S. Murray, ceramics educator and director of William Blizzard Gallery at Springfield College and Eric Gehring, of Boston Camera Club and Eliot School of Fine and Applied Arts in Boston. Artists may read the juror biographies and full explanation of the jury process online.

The Major sponsor for prizes is Monson Savings Bank. Moulton Insurance Agency underwrites a special prize for Outstanding Monson Artist in show. Other sponsors include Media Sponsor, Turley Publications, J. Stolar Insurance Agency, Roberts & Ludlow Printing, Tree House Brewing, Giclee Printing & Framing of New England and Letterpress Arts of West Springfield. Sponsor, Dana's Main Street Tavern, will be holding two Thursday night fundraisers to support the show.

All guidelines, an application, and information about prizes and jurors may be found at www.MonsonArtsCouncil.org.

Monson Free Library starts Youth Code Club

MONSON – The Monson Free Library is launching a weekly code club on Thursday, March 5. In this informal educational setting, kids will learn computer programming skills through a series of tutorials and projects. They will work towards building websites, video games, phone apps, animations and more, all the while learning how to become better problem-solvers and critical thinkers.

Youth Services Librarian Sandy Courtney said this about the upcoming code club, "We know that technology is the future, and we are eager to get started sharing this opportunity with kids in our community. We can't wait to provide a place for kids to learn together and help each other gain valuable life-long skills, and build some amazing stuff along the way."

The club will be open to all kids ages 8 to 18, and will meet weekly on Thursdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Registration is required at www.monsonlibrary.com under Calendar of Events. To learn more, please contact Sandy Courtney at scourtney@cw-mars.org or 413-267-3866.

While traditionally libraries have been

a place to borrow books, they are increasingly transforming into a community resource center, offering classes, courses and experiences for people of all ages and interests. Code club fits with that mission.

Monson Free Library is partnering with technology company, Prenda, to offer their club. Prenda provides software, training and support for libraries around the country to run engaging programming where kids can learn how to code through a national grant program. Monson Free Library was one of 50 small libraries nationwide, and the only Massachusetts library, to be awarded the grant this year. Learn more at <http://prendacodeclub.com>

The Monson Free Library is dedicated to serving the residents of Monson as a continually evolving and vital community resource center for all ages focusing on community priorities, culture and education through diverse collections, services, technology and programming. For more information about this and other programs, please visit www.monsonlibrary.com or call 413-267-3866.

Palmer Democrats to hold caucus, Feb. 22

PALMER – The Palmer Democratic Town Committee will hold its caucus on Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Palmer Public Library, 1455 North Main St., to elect delegates and alternates to the Massachusetts Democratic State Convention. This year's convention will be held on May 30, at the Tsongas Center in Lowell. Doors open at 10 a.m. and the caucus starts at 10:30 a.m. The caucus is opened to all registered and pre-registered Democrats. This year's convention will be held on May 30, at the Tsongas Center in Lowell. For more information go to massdems.org.

“Crude” to be screened at UU Church

MONSON – The next social justice film, titled "Crude" will be shown on Feb. 29, at 7 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Church, at 177 Main St. The film is free and will be followed by refreshments and discussion.

It is about Chevron Oil Company in Ecuador, how Chevron made money while the people suffered with polluted water and cancer. Watch this film and see if giving Chevron a pass on paying income tax and even a subsidy as a gift from the taxpayers is something the United States should have done.

For more info call Malita at 413-596-9075.

Where is it!



Hint: Symbols of a Monson institution.



Last week's was a guide post to a Monson park.

The answer to this week's "Where is it?" will run in next week's edition, along with a new trivia photo for you to consider.

DEADLINE

The Journal Register has changed its firm deadline for public submissions to Mondays. To get your submission in for that week's edition, email Editor at bcoulter@turley.com or call the office at 413-283-8393 by noon on Mondays. We appreciate the cooperation of our readers.

Monson's CPA application deadline is Feb. 28

MONSON – Monson has had the benefit of the Community Preservation Act for 12 years. It has collected over \$1.9 million, which has been matched by the state at an average rate of 82 percent, making the total Monson has received from the commonwealth \$1.40 million. Our grand total is \$3.34 million for projects in Monson.

This money can only be used for historic restoration or preservation, open space preservation, creation or restoration of outdoor recreation project and low to moderate-income housing supports. The money does not go into the general fund at any time; it is reserved for CPA appropriate projects only.

The Committee is currently accepting applications for the Annual Town Meeting in the spring. The deadline for submitting applications is Feb. 28. The application is available online at the town website at <http://www.monson-ma.gov> under Boards and Committees. If someone has a project relating to historical preservation, open space, recreation or community housing, the committee encourages residents to submit an application for funding. Anyone with questions, please feel free to attend a CPC meeting; check the town website for monthly meeting times.

Information on the kinds of projects that are appropriate for CPA funds is also available on the town website. Please submit seven copies of the application to the Monson CPC at 110 Main Street, Monson, MA 01057. The committee also appreciates receiving an electronic copy at monsoncommunitypreservation@gmail.com.

To pre-fill and print an application, go to Boards and Committees, then click on Community Preservation. Once on the CPA page, users will see the grant application is one of the options on the left-hand side.

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Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

Monson kindergarten registration in May

MONSON – Monson Public Schools will hold kindergarten registration and screening from May 4 through May 8. In order to enter kindergarten in the Monson Public Schools, a child must attain the age of 5 by Aug. 31, prior to the start of school in September.

Registration will be completed with the following items: Physical examination within one year prior to the start of school; complete immunization history signed by a doctor; certified birth certificate from city or town of birth and proof of lead screening. Please call the Early Childhood Center for registration/screening appointment. Any questions, please call the school at 413-267-4160.

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ful for the town and residents.”

Even more importantly, she said, the grant came through the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program, which helps communities with funding and technical support to identify climate hazards, develop strategies to improve resilience and implement what needs to be done to adapt to climate change. Palmer is now part of the 82 percent of the state’s communities now enrolled in the plan.

The new Master Plan process will be the first time Palmer has updated its plan since 1976, according to Leduc, although a community report was created in 2005. The town is also putting \$37,500 toward the process.

The Master Plan Steering Committee, with the help of a consultant that will soon be chosen, will hold public information sessions as well as charrettes, where residents talk about what they believe is important for the town’s future and what it should look like. The process looks at housing, open space, transportation and education among other areas. The process and eventual plan will also be online for all residents to keep current on the work that is done by the Steering Committee, Leduc said.

Leduc foresees about an 18-month process from creating the steering committee to holding public meetings to creation of a document that the town then approves. Residents interested in serving on the steering committee should send a letter of interest to the Planning Department at Town Hall.

Over \$1 million in MVP Planning Grants were awarded to 38 cities and towns to pursue the community-led planning process to identify vulnerabilities to climate change and priority actions. When complete, these municipalities will be eligible for MVP Action Grants to implement the priorities they have identified.

MVP supports implementation of the State Hazard Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Plan, which was released in September 2018, and provided a national model of integrating hazard mitigation priorities with future climate change data and solutions. The plan engaged over 500 stakeholders and is the first in the nation to fully integrate federal hazard mitigation planning requirements by addressing impacts from climate change.

For more information on the state plan go to <https://www.mass.gov/municipal-vulnerability-preparedness-mvp-program>.

Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary 2020 winter lecture series

WALES – Winter lectures at the Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary are offered on Saturdays at 1:30pm. Please RSVP by calling 413-267-9654. The lectures are free; however, attendees are asked that to bring a canned good or non-perishable food item to support the local food pantry. In case of inclement weather please call ahead, check our Facebook page or visit www.norcrosswildlife.org.

Saturday, Feb. 22 The New Jersey pine barrens at a glance

The pine barrens of New Jersey have long been known for its botanical richness and unique character. With over one million acres of protected lands, this “wilderness” sits within 25 miles of Philadelphia and 30 miles of New York City. Uli Lorimer, director of horticultural

for Native Plant Trust, will touch upon some of the conservation work being done within the pines, some of the field work conducted on behalf of the Torrey Botanical Society and a showcase of the wonderful flora that can be found there.

Saturday, Feb. 29 Understanding the fascinating life cycle of native plants

Heather McCargo, founder and executive director of Wild Seed Project, will show you the fascinating reproductive life cycle of different types of New England native plants. She will explain how we can change our landscape practices to support wild plant reproduction, pollinators, and other wildlife. Come and learn about outdoor seed sowing that anyone can do to help increase native plant populations. Growing native plants

from seed is a great way to protect the genetic diversity of our native flora and to produce an abundance of plants inexpensively. Be part of a grassroots movement to sow native seeds.

Saturday, March 7 Design-less gardening: a naturalistic approach

Disregard traditional design rules and adopt a new approach to garden design. Look to nature for inspiration. What clues can be taken from the landscape to help a site to thrive? Learn to evaluate sunlight, moisture, soil and other factors to encourage a successful garden that does not require many inputs in the way of watering, fertilizing and extra coddling. Dan Jaffe, Norcross horticulturist and propagator, will show attendees how to create a low maintenance garden that active-

ly supports the environment and provides beauty for all-- people and pollinators alike.

Saturday, March 14 You, me and climate change

Climate Change: It’s what’s for dinner.. Not just tonight but every night for the foreseeable future. Since we know what’s being served up we may as well come up with a creative menu to deal with or mitigate the changes to come. Excess CO2 is not the problem; it’s a symptom as are the extreme weather patterns. Fossil fuel is only a fraction of the excess carbon in the atmosphere. Trevor Smith, lead designer at Land Escapes Design, will go past the scary numbers and the heartbreaking photographs of emaciated polar bears floating alone on a piece of ice and break out individuals can do. He makes it clear that

the power to slow or stop climate change doesn’t rest solely in the hands of government and will leave everyone inspired and empowered to take action.

Saturday, March 21 Bare trees and naked shrubs

No leaves? No problem! Boot Boutwell, a freelance itinerant naturalist and educator, will show attendees how to use a combination of branching patterns, bud and bark characteristics, habitat, persistent fruits, galls and marcescent leaves to help identify woody plants in winter. Attendees will use both bud and twig samples to study the subjects. While this is an indoor presentation, there will be the option to go for a walk afterward.

Country Bank donates \$900,000 to area nonprofits

WARE – Country Bank has reported donations for 2019 totaling \$905,049. Through the bank’s philanthropic efforts, they provide support to local nonprofits throughout the communities they serve; in 2019, more than 500 of these organizations received generous donations. Organizations receiving support included The Children’s Trust, Ludlow Community Center Boys and Girls Club, Ronald McDonald House, Habitat for Humanity, Project Bread and the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless.

Recognizing the importance and overwhelming need to help organizations that address hunger, Country Bank provided monetary donations to food programs throughout the region that exceeded \$100,000. The recipients of these funds included Friends of the Homeless, Springfield Rescue Mission and the Western Mass Food Bank as well as many local food pantries.

“Our desire to support and enrich our communities is not only a part of our mission, it’s truly who we are,” stated Paul

Scully, president, and CEO of Country Bank. “Team members embody our Standards of Professional Excellence every day by applying the bank’s iSTEP core values of integrity, service, teamwork, excellence, and prosperity. These values continue to guide our mission, especially through our community involvement efforts.”

In addition, Country Bank’s Employee Charitable Giving Program raised more than \$30,000 in 2019 through events such as jeans days, bake sales

and raffles. “Our team volunteered more than 1,000 hours of personal time at various events within our communities. These volunteer hours speak directly to our culture and our belief in helping others. Serving meals, filling backpacks for the homeless and building beds for children in need are just a few of the ways we gave back to our communities,” stated Jodie Gerulaitis, vice president of community relations.

To learn more about Country Bank’s Charitable Giving

program, go to <https://www.countrybank.com/communications-center/>.

Country Bank is a full-service mutual community bank serving central and western Massachusetts with 14 offices in Ware, Palmer, West Brookfield, Brimfield, Belchertown, Wilbraham, Ludlow, Leicester, Paxton, Charlton and Worcester. Country Bank is a member of FDIC, DIF and the SUM network. Country Bank can be reached at 800-322-8233 or online at countrybank.com.

A night of social media education will be paired with the perfect wine at Hardwick Vineyard and Winery

HARDWICK – Let’s Get Social: Chikmedia and Healthy Town Living will be hosting a night of social media and personal branding education paired with the perfect wine from local vineyard, Hardwick Vineyard and Winery, on Thursday, March 19, from 5 to 7 p.m., at Hardwick Winery, 3305 Greenwich Road. These local businesses are teaming up to shape the future of local female entrepreneurs, while indulging in local, tasty treats.

The social media and personal branding workshop will cover all the basics and share knowledge on the vital components needed to launch a comprehensive, effective personal brand. Trends, demographics

and successful tips on how to brand yourself effectively will be covered, along with the ins and outs of the social media platforms that fuel the success of a campaign. The workshop will cover the must-haves for a professional online presence and will teach what types of content works best and where it should be posted to engage more followers.

Healthy Town Living, a partner in this event, crafts her own recipes or modifies others, to make them healthier. Owner Donna Holden’s mission is to inspire and educate others to live a healthy life by creating recipes that can show the community how to turn locally-grown ingredients into

healthy and satisfying recipes. Healthy Town Living will be working with Reeds Country Store and local farms to create a delicious, healthy meal, which will nicely pair with a glass of local wine from Hardwick Vineyard and Winery for guests to enjoy.

“I am so excited to bring Chikmedia to Hardwick,” said Holden. “We have a lot of amazing female entrepreneurs and businesses in this rural area that can really benefit from this type of event. Sometimes we get forgotten about out here in the country, so I love to showcase and remind people to look locally before they go searching beyond for food or services. I also love that this is a wonder-

ful time for our community to come together to network and appreciate what they are bringing to this area.”


“This workshop is intended to be for all levels of social media users: those who have just started, and those who are looking to fine tune their skills,” said Meghan Rothschild, owner and president of Chikmedia. “In today’s world, keeping up to date on the latest is critical to success, and this workshop will do just that.”

Chikmedia is a boutique firm that puts an emphasis on female-run organizations and women business owners; offering strategic marketing planning and creative public relations. Started by

award-winning women, Chikmedia seeks to improve marketing campaigns, target messaging and create campaigns that reflect individual business personalities.

Healthy Town Living is an online destination for all things, healthy living and eating. Holden, lives an active lifestyle who loves to cook and eat healthy, “real” food. Intrigued by what food can do to a person, and how food choices can influence the way a body feels, she crafts her own recipes or modifies others, to make them healthier.

Anyone who wishes to attend should contact Meghan Rothschild at Meghan@chikmedia.us.



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Viewpoints

Without civility our system doesn't work

By Lee H. Hamilton
Guest columnist

When he was just a young teenage school-boy, George Washington sat down and copied out 110 “Rules of Civility & Decent Behavior.” Many of these had to do with simple manners. “Cleanse not your teeth with the tablecloth, napkin, fork or knife,” reads Rule 100. Good advice at any time.

But the first rule the future president wrote down and followed for the rest of his life was especially notable: “Every action done in company, ought to be with some sign of respect to those that are present.” There are times when I find myself wishing that all of us — public officials and ordinary citizens alike — would adopt the civil behavior of that particular teenager.

Our politics today too often is strident and polarized. To put it mildly, we do not always show respect to those present, as Washington did, and try to make them comfortable. Often, it's just the opposite. We live in a polity that seems to reward in-your-face rhetoric and confrontational behavior.

Yet civility — respecting the rights and dignity of others — uplifts our common life. It makes engaging in politics more pleasant, more appealing, and ultimately, more fruitful.

I'm well aware that calls for civility in the past have been used by political “haves” to try to rein in those seeking entree to power. And Americans have an interesting, conflicted view on the topic. On the one hand, a Georgetown University poll found last fall, Americans across the political spectrum “agree with the premise that our political culture has become too uncivil and lacks a focus on solutions, and that common ground and compromise should be the goal for political leaders.” Yet they often tolerate, if not encourage, incivility, and want their leaders to “stand up to the other side.”

But stressing respect for one's opponents does not mean we need to agree with one another. Far from it. At its heart, our system was built as a means of managing disagreement without coming to blows. Treating one another civilly is how people who don't agree still manage to weigh issues carefully and find common ground. The founding fathers did not expect all Americans would become friends, but they did expect that we could all be respectful and civil to each other.

And there's no question that incivility has consequences. It makes the work of democracy more difficult: building consensus, reconciling competing views, enticing ordinary Americans to give up some of their private lives to devote themselves to the public good. It makes key institutions like Congress less effective. Walking into a room or chamber where the differences are sharply drawn and finding a way to bring people together is political skill of the highest order. And it's pretty much impossible to exercise without civility.

Where many of us grew up — and still, to this day — talking easily, comfortably, and courteously with one another is the way we resolve our problems. Especially at the state and local level, political leaders mostly recognize that they have a responsibility to respect the dignity of the people they're bound to encounter on a regular basis.

This is not always easy. Civility takes discipline and patience. Especially when faced with incivility, the temptation is to lash right back. But aside from some kind of momentary satisfaction, it's hard to see how this is an effective tactic if our purpose is to get things done.

Because in a democracy like ours, the key challenge is to foster a debate that respects all voices, even those of dissent and protest, and create an environment that enables the agreements we need to advance the common good. The future and the effectiveness of our representative democracy require that we get the balance between civility and dissent right.

The reassuring thing is that bringing this country closer to the political behavior that George Washington had in mind is not a matter of enacting laws or passing new regulations. It's simply a matter of encouraging respectful behavior, one person at a time. If we can do that and reverse the course we've embarked on in recent years, then we can still show that a government of, for, and by the people works.

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Color play on a winter's day

In this column I thought it would be fun to take a closer look at color. Personally, one of the very reasons I love to garden is because it gives me the opportunity to play with color. Perhaps you satisfy your passion for color by painting, quilting or another hobby besides gardening. Read on, there will be something useful here for you, too.

While we have to live with our color choices in permanent plantings such as perennial borders or shrub beds, we have an endless palette of plants to choose from for gardens or containers devoted solely to annuals, bulbs and fall plants. With the start of each new season we can once again let our creative juices run wild and change our color schemes as we see fit.

Just like the cook who instinctively knows what herb and how much of it to use to flavor a meal, color, for me, is intuitive. I'd like to think that I know what looks nice with what without looking at a color wheel or reading some sort of explanation on the subject. Not every season do I “hit the ball out of the park” with my pairings, but most of the time I am satisfied. If you find your color combinations to be missing some zing, perhaps a lesson in color terminology that may help you broaden your brushstrokes.

First of all, grab a good gardening book from your collection and search out the color wheel. You can also go online and print one out. Having one on hand will make the terms I use easier to understand and no doubt get you “scheming.” The complementary color scheme utilizes color opposites for the sharpest possible contrast. First, pick a color you'd like in your garden on the color wheel, say yellow for example. The color directly opposite yellow on the wheel is violet. Other complementary color combinations are orange and blue and green and red. For an early spring planting try solid orange pansies with blue violas, beautiful!

The analogous color scheme is one in which colors lie next to one another within a 90-degree angle on the wheel. Trace your color wheel, fold it in half and in half again to have a “quarter pie.” Position this ninety-degree angle over any three colors to achieve the analogous scheme. Yellow, orange and orange-red is a classic analogous combination, easily achieved by utilizing various types of marigolds in a summer garden.

A triadic color scheme is made from three colors that are the same distance from one another on the wheel. To find triads, it helps to think of the wheel as a clock. Just look for colors in the four, eight and 12 position; rotate the wheel to see all of your options. Red, yellow and blue is a commonly used triad. Picture double-flowered red and yellow tulips with an underplanting of blue hyacinth, talk about drama!

In monochromatic color scheme, you basically design your garden around a single color. If you like pink, for example, you would choose pale pink flowers, deep pink flowers, and all the subtle hues in between. This scheme rarely disappoints. White gardens were all the rage a few years back. One of my favorite all white combinations is cleome, cosmos, bachelor's buttons, salvia farinacea and annual baby's breath. Nearly every flower type possible is covered and each one is white.

Has all this talk about color gotten you excited for the start of the season? It has me. Until then, I'll work on a new rug to satisfy my need for color play.

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SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

Ask Rusty – About warnings to make sure I ‘file properly’

By Russell Gloor
Guest Columnist

Dear Rusty: I am currently 63-years-old and planning to delay retirement until 70 to maximize my benefit. I've been seeing a lot of financial planners advertising claims that you can lose thousands of dollars in benefits if you don't “file properly.” Is there really anything more to it than simply applying for benefits when you are ready to retire? Do I really need to pay a financial advisor just to tell me how to apply to get the most benefits? Signed: Skeptical

Dear Skeptical: Nearly all the advertisements you see using language like that have an underlying purpose of trying to sell you something — usually a book, a subscription, or financial services. The phrase “losing thousands if you don't file properly” are very generic words meant to lure you into contacting them so they can sell something to you. Reality is that “filing properly” means simply choosing the right age to file

for benefits given your specific personal circumstances. And personal circumstances are different for everyone. There aren't any tricks in the filing process itself — it's really quite straightforward, and you can get all your Social Security filing questions answered here at The AMAC Foundation's Social Security Advisory Service. Our staff of Social Security advisers are fully trained and certified by the National Social Security Association, and we have years of experience on this complex topic. We provide Social Security information and answers to several thousand people each year, without a fee because we are a not-for-profit entity operating only on donations. And contacting us is easy at either ssadviser@amacfoundation.org, or 888-750-2622.

As for when you should file, everyone's personal situation is different, and your marital status should always be considered. But as an individual, waiting until age 70 will give you the maximum benefit available to you. If you

are now 63, your age 70 benefit will be 29.3 percent more than it would be at your full retirement age of 66 years and 4 months, and about 65 percent more than you'd get at age 64. And provided you are in good health and expect at least average longevity (about 84) not only will your monthly payment be more, but you'll collect more in cumulative lifetime benefits by waiting. And here's an extra bonus — if you are married and you predecease your wife, her survivor benefit will be based upon that larger amount you were receiving because you delayed claiming. If she has reached her full retirement age, as your widow your wife will get 100 percent of your actual benefit. But if you were to claim earlier, your wife's survivor benefit would be based on that smaller amount.

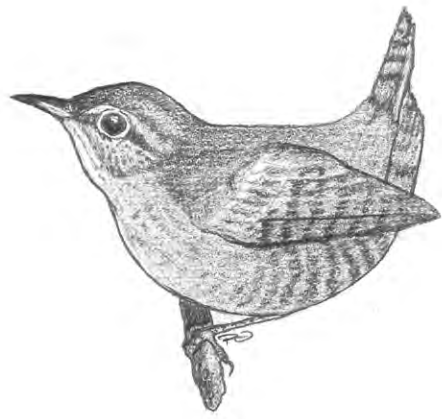
The answer to your specific question is that there is no magical way to apply for benefits once you determine the age at which you wish to file. You can file by calling the Social Security Administra-

tion directly, either at their general number (800-772-1213) or your local office (find it at www.ssa.gov/locator), or you can also file online at www.ssa.gov/retire. Filing online is by far the easiest and most efficient way to complete and submit your application for benefits.

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In My Backyard

By Ellenor Downer
Paula Ouimette, the author's daughter, drew this winter wren.



Massachusetts Audubon Society reported a winter wren at Montague Fish Hatchery. The winter wren is brown with speckling and barring on its belly. It is about four inches long and has a very short tail. It bobs its head and tends to be secretive.

It forages on the ground near rotting logs, brush and in tree foliage eating insects and spiders. The female lays four to seven white eggs with brown spots in a nest built near in water. The winter wren builds a nest of mosses, grasses and twigs lined with hair and feathers placed under roots, in a rock crevice, stump, stream bank or other natural cavity.

It inhabits woods, woodpiles and tangles in winter and along rocky, woodland streams especially in coniferous forests in summer.

The winter wren sings a series of twitters and trills. Its call is a “chip-chip.”

Birds in the cold

Saturday morning, Feb. 15 a male cardinal and two blue jays perched in the peach tree. All of them had their feathers fluffed to keep warm with temperatures in the single digits. When I saw them, I went out and filled my feeders. Soon, the chickadees, downy woodpecker, black-capped chickadees and juncos came.

Mass. Audubon Society sightings

Mass. Audubon Society reported four sand hill cranes in Lancaster, a northern harrier at the Uxbridge Community Gardens and Soccer Fields, a swamp sparrow at Crane Swamp Conservation Area in Northborough and at Wachusett Reservoir two greater scaup, two red-breasted mergansers and four common loons. Other sightings included two swamp sparrows in Lenox, a red crossbill in New Marlborough, 105 red-winged blackbirds in Sheffield and five evening grosbeaks in Colrain.

Red tailed hawks

I often see red tail hawks on my way to work. Usually, I see them in New Braintree. Often, they are perched in a tree along the edge of a field either near the center of town or by the State Police Training Academy. Sometimes I spot one flying across the road.

Peanuts

I put peanuts in my tray feeder every morning along with black oil sunflower seeds and dried mealworms. I began feeding peanuts in the shell, but then I spotted shelled peanuts in the bird food section. I switched to the shelled variety as it makes less of a mess under the feeder. I do miss watching the blue jays and tufted titmice grab a shelled peanut and fly off. It will be easier to clean up under the feeder this spring.

New birds at my feeder

I had an American tree sparrow and an American goldfinch at my feeder this past week. They are both occasional visitors. They join the regular birds at my feeders: the black-capped chickadees, tufted titmice, juncos, cardinals, blue jays, downy woodpeckers and red-bellied woodpeckers and sometimes mourning doves.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505 or emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com.

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For more information, call editor Douglas Farmer at 413-283-8393.

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As part of its election coverage, the newspaper plans to print stories about contested races for Congress, state Senate, state House, district attorney and Governor's Council during the weeks leading up to the election, as well as a question-and-answer voters guide. In order to ensure fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed, nor will reporters cover political rallies or fundraisers.

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Looking Back

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25 YEARS AGO

FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS WEEK IN 1995 ...

Task force attempts to get domestic violence shelter in Palmer

By Linda Hofbauer

By the time you finish reading this article, another woman may have been killed by a domestic abuser.

On average, a woman is killed every two hours through domestic violence. Three to four million American women are battered each year.

If you are a victim of domestic violence in Palmer, however, it's difficult to escape.

Palmer has no shelter or treatment facility for abused women. Many women won't call the Springfield or Northampton shelters for help because they are long distance calls and will show up on their phone bill for their abuser to see.

A lot of them want to leave home but have no means of transportation to those towns. They are trapped.

A newly created task force in Palmer hopes to change that. The group wants to create a shelter for domestic violence victims as well as a system to provide local counseling and legal advocacy.

"Lots of women need a place to go," victim advocate and task force member Sheila McCarthy said at the task force's Feb. 9 meeting. "They'd leave if they could. The only thing they can do locally right now is get a restraining order and hope the abuser doesn't come back. We'd like to give them more options."

Unfortunately, options are hard to come by right now. The fledgling task force is still in the planning stage. They are trying to find funding for the project as well as stir up awareness in the community and support from government officials — but it isn't easy.

"We're dealing with something really big and we may be having these discussions five years from now," Griswold Center Clinician Barbara Stanton, a member of the task force, said. She is also part of the task force.

A difficult situation

Doug Nielson, pastor of the First Church of Monson, wants to help the group create public awareness of the need for the shelter as well as determine the mechanics of the project.

"There are enough successful programs around that we don't have to re-create the wheel," he said. They do, however, have to finance it. The task force found a sympathetic ear in Judge Kenneth Cote of the Springfield District Court. Cote plans to prepare a grant with the task force, and at the moment is consulting with some grant writers in Springfield in order to make the application as good as possible.

He hopes to get some seed money through the new Crime Bill, which allocates funds to crime prevention projects. If the funding doesn't come through, Cote said, he'll explore "other avenues". He definitely sees the project as something that will be finished in the near future in spite of the lack of concrete plans.

"I would consider this a failure if we didn't finish it in three years," Cote said.

Money is not the only obstacle. "Would money solve the problems short-term? You bet," Neilson said. But long term, who knows? The facility and staff could be put together in a heartbeat, but the real question is, could we make a base to sustain it? Will we have made an awareness in the community?"

Most of the difficulty with making an awareness lies in the fact that Palmer residents may not be in favor of such an organization being based in town.

The problem that won't go away

Meanwhile, domestic violence in Palmer has been growing over the past few years, according to Acting Police Chief Robert Frydryk. And that's only 10 percent of the domestic violence incidents that are ever reported to the police. Only a fraction of those incidents result in sentencing.

"Many of them don't get convicted," Frydryk said, "because the wives decide to invoke their spousal privilege and won't talk."

Although many victims won't testify in court, Stanton believes they would at least attempt to leave if assistance services were available. Ideally, she hopes to have sev-

eral full-time employees devoted solely to administration of the center and training of the staff.

The task force plans to model Palmer's domestic violence shelter after other ones that are already established in the area. UMass Hospital, for example, has a very strong program. The have just hired two women to deal with domestic abuse full-time. Eastern Hampden County has virtually none. When victims need treatment, shelter or counseling, they must travel to either Springfield or Northampton.

The shelter will also need volunteer advocates to help the victims adjust both to life without the abuser and complicated court procedures. McCarthy would like to see the advocates carry beepers and have a 24-hour on-call system.

"It's true that the big black hole is advocacy," Griswold Center Therapist Fran Cola said. "Advocacy training runs into the problem of 'under whose auspices? Whose liability is this?'"

Until those details have been hammered out, the group is focusing on education. They held an open seminar on domestic violence two weeks ago at Wing Memorial Hospital, and plan on going to local schools to talk to students.

"If we can get them young," Stanton said, "we can make a difference."

Selectmen's Wrap

By Tine Lak

PALMER - Palmer's Board of Selectmen agreed to place an article on the March 13 Special Town Meeting warrant to transfer the remainder of funds from the Damage and Removal Reimbursement account to a separate account that will allow the Bondsville School Site Study Committee to proceed with the next stage of their project.

Members of the Bondsville School Site Study Committee approached the Palmer Board of Selectmen at their Tuesday night meeting to seek approval for the transfer of \$114,990.

Committee chairwoman Elaine Nikodem reported that the committee had received back over 40-percent of the 625 surveys that were sent to Bondsville residents concerning plans for the site of the former Bondsville Grammar School that burned down in August.

Nikodem said that 26 percent of residents preferred development of the site into a sitting park with a gazebo.

The committee intends to expend the transferred funds for architectural fees and related costs, engineering fees and related costs and construction and overall redevelopment costs.

Selectmen also appointed members of the Bondsville School Site Study Corn-in ace and Highway SidinTPIil Sampson to the Local Designer Selection Board. Nikodem noted that Parks Department Superintendent Richard Kaczmarczyk would also provide assistance to the group as needed.

Committee members requested the appointments so that they could begin the Request for Proposal stage of the project.

During a 7 p.m. petroleum storage hearing for Presidential Realty Corp., the board decided to allow storage of propane on the property at MapleTree Industrial Park for the intended use of heating with a limited total amount that would be recommended by Palmer Fire Chief Alan Roy.

Several residents attending the meeting voiced concerns over the size, quantity and location of the propane tanks at the site.

The residents were informed by the board that a limit would be set by the fire chief and that the abutters would be informed of that decision by mail. They were also assured by a representative of Presidential Realty that the majority of tanks have a capacity of no larger than 125 gallons.

Larry Smith, Community Development Director, notified the board that he recommended the board award the Railroad Museum Feasibility Impact Study to Thomas J. Martin of Cambridge, who, Smith said, submitted the strongest proposal.

Board members and Smith agreed that the study would determine the feasibility of the proposed museum from both the town's and museum's point of view. Smith said he expected the study to be completed in June.

"Lorraine Novak was appointed to the Palmer Historical Commission.

The board appointed four permanent intermittent police officers to the Palmer Police Department: Richard F. Kelleher Jr., Christian A.



FROM THE PAGES OF THE PALMER JOURNAL THIS WEEK IN 1995: To be free... Over a dozen wild turkeys were spotted at the pond and in the woods at 278 Breckinridge St. on Monday. Gerard Berthiaume, owner of the property, said this is the second time this year he has spotted the wild birds. (Photo by Tina Lak)



FROM THE PAGES OF THE PALMER JOURNAL THIS WEEK IN 1995: And the winner is... Lions Club President Charles Jameson held a drawing for their lottery at the Monson Senior Center on Tuesday. Drawings for are made for each day in the month of February. The largest cash prize, \$500, was given away on Valentine's Day. The lucky winner was Bernice Piwcio.



FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS WEEK IN 1970: Mrs. Gordon Dean, former librarian, pours at open house of Palmer Library for, left to right, Selectman Donald Belisle, Alfonse Murray, trustee; Ann Heropoulos and Mrs. Mary McManus, vice president.



FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS WEEK IN 1970: Jill Martin

Letendre, William S. Bray and Erin F. Sullivan.

Acting Chief Robert Frydryk noted in a letter to the board that each of the appointees is a member of the Palmer Auxiliary Police Association and has attended the Reserve/Intermittent Police Academy and are fully certified in firearms use, CPR and advanced first aid.

Local Polka band nominated for Grammy

By Lisa Hofbauer

PALMER - Some of the best moments of Happy Louie's life have been set to polka music.

He met his wife, Julie, at a polka dance 38 years ago.

One of the polka songs he wrote was used in a big Hollywood star's movie 32 years ago.

Most importantly he and his wife's latest polka album, "Your Polka Sweethearts," by the Happy Louie and Julcia's Polka Band, was nominated for a Grammy award almost a month ago.

"We're all excited — every time Louie had a new release we've sent them in to be considered for the Grammys. We've sent

in four different CDs," Julie said, in a phone interview from Florida.

Other nominees in the Polka category are: Jimmy Sturr, Eddie Blazonczyk, Jan Lewan and Walter Ostanek.

I think Louie's got a pretty good chance of winning it," Rick Frydryk, lead singer of the band, The Mellowtones said. "I took (accordion) lessons from him when I was 7. He taught me the basics."

Frydryk's not the only one who think Happy Louie should get the award.

"There's a lot of people across the country who would like to see Happy -Louie and Julcia win. They feel that those two deserve it since they've contributed so much to polka music," Editor of Polka News Carl Rohwetter said. "All five of those nominees are pretty even, though - the most even I've ever seen."

Palmer resident Happy Louie, whose real name is Louis Dusseault, was on a cruise of the Panama Canal with his wife (appropriately, on the Song of Norway) when they received a call from their daughter informing them about the nomination.

"When we found out about the nomination, we started to cry," Julie said.

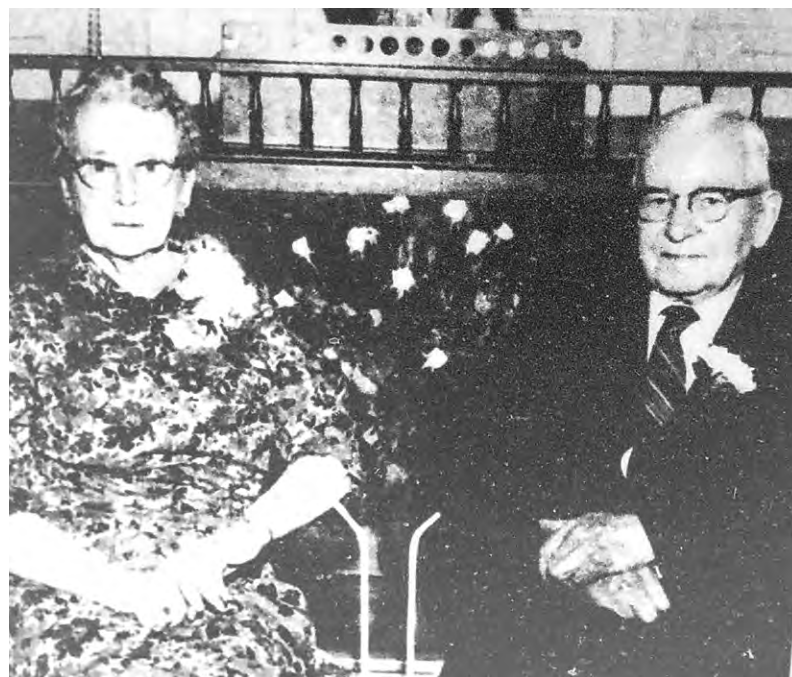
Happy Louie has recorded over 30 albums. "Your Polka Sweethearts" was released seven months ago and is his first Grammy nomination. He is the arranger, producer, songwriter, vocalist and trum-



FROM THE PAGES OF THE PALMER JOURNAL THIS WEEK IN 1995: Julcia and Happy Louie



FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS WEEK IN 1970: Awarded 25-year service honors at Church Products Dept. banquet were John F. Sullivan, department manager, Thomas Muerisse, Winifred Howe and James McMahon.



FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS WEEK IN 1970: Mr. and Mrs. Hugh MacGillivray of Palmer Road, Brimfield, recently celebrated their 50th anniversary at an open house at Hitchcock Academy. They have two children, Mrs. Dorothy Bassett, of Ohio and Robert in Japan.

pet player on his recordings. Julie sings, does all the public relations work and the bookings.

said WMUA telethon coordinator Kelly Mullaly, "They donated CDs and cassettes to the telethon and they sold immediately. They each went for about \$35." WMUA has a weekly polka radio show which regularly plays Happy Louie tunes.

Dusseault, who grew up in Ware, started playing the bugle when he was seven and the trumpet at age nine. He and served in the military as a trumpet player in the West Point marching band.

He has performed as "Happy Louie" since 1960, after a relative told him that Polish people would never accept his last name. (He is of both French and Polish descent.)

His performance of the song, "Accordion A Go-Go," by Richie Woloss, on the MGM label, was used in the 1963 Patricia Neal film, "The Subject was roses." He started his own record company, Ha-Lo Records, in 1968.

The Dusseaults have four children and five grandchildren. Happy Louie and Julcia will play at the St. Peter and Paul picnic in Three Rivers on July 23.

50 YEARS AGO

FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS WEEK IN 1970 ...

Church Products Dept. Gives Service Awards to Workers

Church Products Department of American Standard, Inc. held its second annual service awards dinner at the Quaboag Country Club in Monson, last Thursday. This program was established to recognize and reward the significant contributions made by Church employees who achieved 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, or more years of service in 1969 with the Company.

The evening began with a social hour and was followed by a dinner in the new facilities at the Country Club. The awards presentations were handled by Charles Schiffer, Manager, Industrial Relations, in conjunction with the employee's immediate supervisor and department head. Twenty-two service awards were presented with James Dunn, Tool and Process Engineering Supervisor, topping the list with thirty-five years of invaluable

The keynote address of the evening was presented by John F. Sullivan, Department Manager, who reviewed the performance of the plant in 1969 and attempted to provide some insight into what kind of a year 1970 would be. All indications are that 1970 should be an even more successful year for the plant, and Sullivan stressed that the

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continued concern and cooperation of all Church employees was necessary if the Company's goals were to be achieved. The program concluded with a question and answer session and photographs were then taken of all employees receiving 20, 25, and 35-year awards.

Service Awards Presentation:

- Listed are those employees who received service awards
- Ten years: Sophie DeForge, Robert Malboeuf, Justine Kucharczyk, Leonard Nobles, Francis Blakeborough, Stella Szczygiel.
- Fifteen years: Myrtle Bacon, Harold Wheeler, Louise Brunelle, Eileen Gould.
- Twenty years: Daniel Kibbe, Perley Fuller, Anthony Piechota, Charles Jameson, Frances Mizen.
- Twenty-five years: Blanche Howe, Ralph Madden, Natalie Duprey, Winifred Howe, Thomas Meurisse, James McMahon.
- Thirty-five years: James Dunn.

Monson Teacher Will Head Europe Summer Study Tour

A teacher of art at Somers High School is planning to jet across the Atlantic this summer with a group of students to attend classes in Rome, Paris, and London.

Mrs. Faith H. Ferguson of South Hampden Rd., Monson will chaperone a group of high school students on a six-week European study tour during July and August. They will attend classes in Rome, Paris and London organized by the American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS). Their studies in Europe will be conducted by professors of the University of Bath, England.

Although Mrs. Ferguson will do no teaching in Europe—all instruction will be by European university staffs—her role as AIFS chaperone will be to act as combination guardian, advisor and friend. All student life in Europe will revolve around her, and she will help the students make the necessary adjustment to European life. Mrs. Ferguson has scheduled a number of meetings prior to departure to prepare the students for the experience.

Among the students from this area who are planning to go with Mrs. Ferguson are: Audrey Gula, Jill Gebler, Ellington; Martha Perry, Granby; Lisa Carolan, Granby; Miss Susan Cotton, Granby; Dianne Phillips, Somers; Donna Rinaldi, Somers; Patricia Jane Breagy and John Parks, Somerville,

According to Mrs. Ferguson, there are still more openings in her group and interested students or their parents are invited to contact her for further information.

Jill Martin Chosen for DAR Good Citizen's Award

Jill Elizabeth Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Martin of High Street, has been chosen to receive the DAR Good Citizens' Award by the students and faculty of Monson Jr.-Sr. High School. She has been chosen for her qualities of Dependability, Service, Leadership and Patriotism. She will attend Good Citizen's Day in Boaton on March 10.

While attending Monson Jr.-Sr. High School, her school activities have included: Freshman Class Vice-President; Girls State Rep.; National Honor Society; of which she has been Secretary and President; French III Club; Latin Club; Future Teacher's Club; Chorus; Cheerleader; Student Leader; Intramural Basketball and Volleyball; Drama Club, of which she was chosen second best actress; As Schools Match Wits Panel; Student Council, Math Club; Jr. Hostess for Governor's Day at Eastern States Ex-po.; Pep Club; Tennis Club; School Newspaper; Sextet; Vice-President of Art Club; Western Mass Chorus; Good Government Day Alternate and Monson Theater Workshop.

Palmer Wins League

Three cheers for Palmer High School's basketball team, which wrapped up the Quaboag League Championship Tuesday night!

And while you're in a cheer-leading mood, give a big hand to PHS coach David Lynch, who did his second consecutive excellent rebuilding job.

Lynch's Panthers had their shooting guns going Tuesday night as they made sure of winning the title. North Brookfield had little chance to stop the Panthers, who shots the eyes out of the basket in 53-point second half on their way to a resounding 93-69 victory.

That put Palmer's final league record at 11-1 (the only loss a three-pointer at Ware last week). Overall, the Panthers stand 12-4. They have two games left, at tough Minnechaug on Tuesday; and at Belchertown on March 2, before going into the Western Mass. Class S tournament for the fourth time since the event was Inaugurated in 1967.

Although this may be conjecture at this time, there seems no question that Palmer will be granted a tourney berth when the selection committee meets on Monday. Palmer's ranking as a league champion with a good overall record gives it a ticket to the tourney.

Even Coach Lynch would have been afraid to think about tournaments back there in December, when he looked over his candidates and saw only Charlie Sibik and Billy Korsak as players with experience.

He blended them with Mike Russo, Jerry Skaza, Dennis Czech, Mike Grimes and Sam Swain to form a solid seven that worked well and got the big job done.

In the 1967 and '68 seasons, Lynch had veteran ball clubs that posted outstanding records. Last year, he has won it outright again.

Lynch lost eight seniors from that team, so he started all over again, once more. Palmer's new talent came through.

Russo had 29 points, his best game of the season, in leading Palmer past North Brookfield. Czech made 20 points, Skaza, 12 and Korsak 17.

100 YEARS AGO
FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS WEEK IN 1920 ...

Threaten to Remove Rails – On Bondsville Line, Made by Street Railway Company – CAN'T AFFORD AGREED NEW BRIDGE – People Have Apparently Conspired to Stay at Home Since Recent Raise in Fares

Bondsville residents have been taking an active interest in the statement made at the appropriation town meeting that there was a suggestion that the trolley service to that village might be discontinued.

The statement came in connection with the motion that the town appropriate \$1000 to be paid to the street railway company toward the construction of a new bridge over the Ware river on the Bondsville line. A Bondsville resident remarked that this appropriation had been voted for several years ago but that the town was not getting anywhere in the matter. and suggested that the money be used for some other purpose. Judge T. W. Kenefick offered in explanation that this sum was originally voted raised a few years ago, and, not having been expended was turned back into the treasury and should be appropriated for some purpose. The original appropriation was under a special permit from the

Legislature. Judge Kenefick announced that the street railway officials had stated to him that they seriously considered the taking up of the rails on the Bondsville section and abandoning it. They claim since the last raise in fares there had been a marked reduction in travel on that line, and that the receipts were not sufficient

to justify running it, to say nothing of spending \$20,000 for a new bridge, which was the lowest estimate they could get for the work.

Judge Kenefick suggested that if the money was not appropriated the residents of Bondsville would be just that much further away from any opportunity for improved service.

Legislative permission to make the gift to the street railway company was made when the Board of Rail Commissioners ordered the company to cease operating the large double track cars over the present on account of its insufficient strength. As the former bridge was paid for by the town and the street railway company, permission was given to make the railway company a donation of \$1000, in return for which it promised to provide a separate bridge of its own. This is the agreement which it now says it cannot keep.

Bondsville people have begun to "sit up and take notice" since the town meeting and there is naturally discussion of the street railway's position. The service on the line is very poor, and it is probable that an effort will be made to see if it cannot be improved in some way.

PALMER NEWS
News of Family After 6 Years

Abner Podrat received yesterday morning a letter from his old home in Russia, the first word he has had from there since the opening of the war in 1914. The letter contained the best of news that the entire family was well when the letter was written January 24. Mr. Podrat's father is nearly 80 years old, and his mother is also well advanced in years. There is also a brother and three sisters, the brother and a brother-in-law served four years in the Russian army and returned home safely.

Sidewalks in Bad Shape
Yesterday made a mess of the sidewalk of the village, very few of which had been properly cleared of snow since the heavy fall, about two weeks ago. In most cases a narrow path had been made through the deep snow, and into this gutter the water readily found its way yesterday when it began to thaw, in fact it had no oilier place to go. As a consequence, many walks by night were covered to a depth of several inches with water, necessitating recourse to the streets by pedestrians.

William Osborne
William Osborne, 20 years old, died Saturday morning in the home of his mother, 38 Converse street, after an illness of some time. He was a son of the late William H. Osborne, and was born in Palmer, being educated in the Palmer schools. Since leaving school he has been employed in town. He was a number of Court Palmer, Foresters of America. Besides his mother, he leaves one sister, Miss Imogene Osborne. The funeral was held Tuesday morning.

Henry M. Foley of Knox street, who has been confined to his home by illness, is able to be out again.

The stock of the Abner Podrat store in the Holden block has been sold to Lubin Bros. of Springfield and removed to their store in that city.

Creative writing and publishing workshop

WEST BROOKFIELD – The fifth annual creative writing and publishing workshop will be held on Sunday, March 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Salem Cross Inn in West Brookfield.

Local award-winning author Ed Londergan provides a full day of information. "The workshop will cover the entire writing and publishing process from how to develop ideas, story structure, character development, creation of atmosphere/location, how to put together a chapter, creating authentic dialogue, the flow of the book and how to hold readers interest," Londergan said. "With the great interest local writers have in getting published, I thought it's best to spend more time on that aspect than I have in past workshops. Finding an agent, which is complicated and difficult, will also be addressed."

"The purpose of the workshop is to help those people who want to write but don't know where to start, or have had an idea for a story that's been bubbling in their head for years and finally want to put it on paper. I also help people that have written something and need to know how

to move ahead."

The past workshops have been attended by a variety of people of all ages and occupations from 12-year-old students to 75-year-old retirees, all of whom have a story to tell.

"One of the things that past attendees have enjoyed and learned from is the writing exercises," Londergan said. "They write about everything from their favorite holiday memory to their pets to what they had for breakfast." He uses fun writing prompts for the exercises.

"Back-and-forth discussion is always a popular part of the day. Attendees learn from each other. Individual issues or problems anyone is having with their writing are discussed and the group helps them with suggestions and observations. At times, there have been a lot of "that happened to me and here's what I did."

The cost is \$95 and lunch is included. The workshop is limited to 20 participants and registration is required. The registration deadline is March 7. To register email ed.londergan@gmail.com or call 508-864-8685.



Turley Publications staff photo by Peter Spotts
The UMass Center at Tower Square in Springfield was packed to the bursting point with people eager to learn about the six alternatives for East West Rail and give feedback, thoughts and opinions.

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and from the Eastern part of the state. "I think making sure there's a connection from Springfield through Amherst would be a great boon, not only for additional ridership, but also for the communities," Kusner said.

Two of the five Palmer options include bus transit from Pittsfield to Springfield. Residents and other Western Massachusetts community members told Massachusetts Department of Transportation members working on the study loudly and clearly that bus connections should not be an option.

"This is Massachusetts. We have winter and we all know what winter is like in the Berkshires," said Emmaladd Shepherd from Palmer Rail Stop. "We're talking about putting a bus out on the roads?"

North Adams Mayor Tom Bernard stated, "Any solution that requires bus transit from Pittsfield to Springfield is a non-starter. We need true rail from Pittsfield to Boston."

Bernard received a rousing ovation from the completely packed room in the UMass Center in Tower Square for his comments. Bernard said that since Western Mass residents helped foot the bill for infrastructure improvements in the East, it's time for them to return the favor with a "generational investment in the future of economic development."

The option that intrigued people the most is the sixth option for the construction of a new electrified railroad line running along the I-90 Turnpike corridor. However, this options also carries the steepest price tag of \$24.9 billion. It features the largest projected ridership, estimated at 820 daily, with the fastest travel time. However, the next most expensive option

is \$5.1 billion — which is alternative 5, the only option without a Palmer stop. "The cost increases a lot faster than the ridership increases, so you're not getting the most bang for your buck," said Ned Codd, New England planning and environmental lead for WSP.

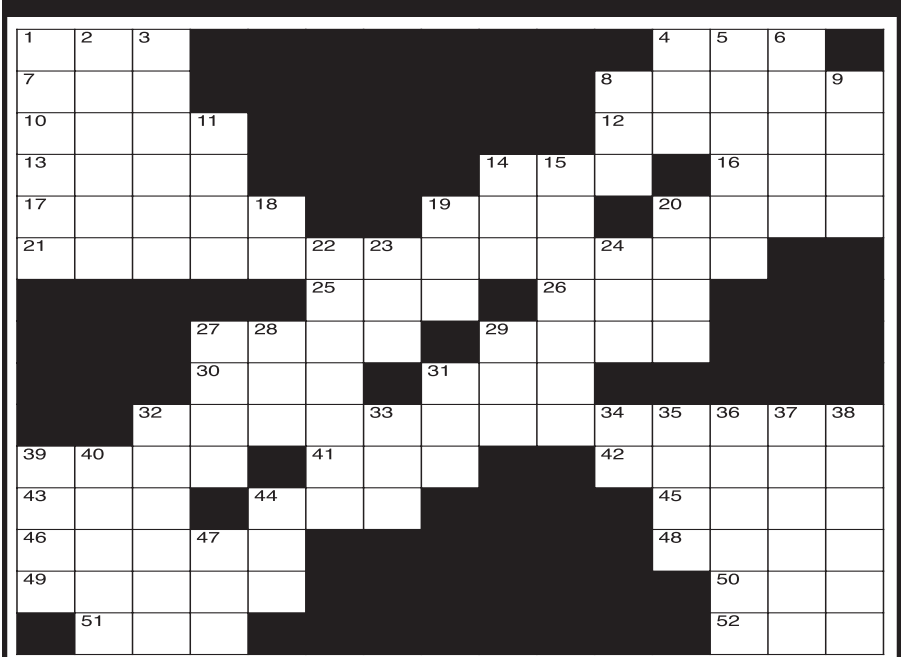
Citizens were quick to point out that the problem with cheaper options is that projected ride times are not low enough to make the train more attractive than commuting via the Turnpike with the exception of Alternative 6.

There were also many people expressing distrust with the projected ridership numbers as the highest, and most expensive, ridership projection peaked at 820 people.

"This is a project for the whole state. The Boston residents will benefit just as much as Western Mass.," said Palmer's Mike Eagan. "I don't see how ridership can be low when you'll eventually have a migration to Western Mass."

"I don't trust the ridership estimates," added John Garrett. "The people of Western Mass. are smart enough to know when they're being fooled."

All alternatives can be viewed, with additional project information, at www.mass.gov/lists/east-west-passenger-rail-study-documents. Moving forward, the Advisory Committee will meet on Monday, Feb. 24, at 1 p.m., in the Sheraton Springfield Monarch Place Hotel to discuss the project. The six alternatives will be cut down to three finalists for the final report in April, which will be presented at another public informational meeting.



CLUES ACROSS

- Expression of disgust
- A place to unwind
- A type of cooking range
- Grasp tightly
- Sea eagles
- Carb dish
- Late-night host
- Revolutions per minute
- Indicates odd or erroneous
- FDR's military chief of staff
- Swiss river
- Norwegian district and river
- A form of motivation
- Car mechanics group
- Once a must-have home theater accessory
- Broken branch

- Apple and pumpkin are two
- Skeletal muscle
- Small Eurasian deer
- Tight-lipped fellow
- Carrot's partner
- Famed garden
- Chilean seaport
- Days (Spanish)
- Sudden anxiety
- 100 square meters
- A type of beer
- French/Belgian river

CLUES DOWN

- Spanish dish
- Concurs
- __and her sisters

- Patti Hearst's captors
- Used to refer to cited works
- A state of excited movement
- Advertising term (abbr.)
- Nocturnal S. American rodent
- New York art district
- Bravo! Bravo!
- Bravo!
- Pre-release viewing
- Northwestern Canadian
- territory (abbr.)
- Consumed
- Falters
- Radioactive form of an element
- Catch a wrongdoer
- Breeze through

- Thick piece of something
- Yellowish-brown color
- "The Raven" poet
- Rural free delivery (abbr.)
- Creating
- Supervises flying
- Northwestern state
- Was obligated to repay
- Diverging in lines from a common center
- Bleak
- We all have them
- Hit with the palm of one's hand
- Sea that's part of the western Pacific
- Political action committee
- Famed Spanish soldier El __

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Top Floor Learning holds monthly game nights

PALMER – Top Floor Learning will hold monthly game nights on March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 17 and Dec. 8, from 6 to 7:45 p.m., at the Palmer Public Library. There is no fee and no registration is required. Participants must be 16 or older, unless accompanied by an adult. Board games and card games are provided or bring your own Scrabble, cribbage, Monopoly, Uno, chess, checkers, Yahtzee, bridge, Skipbo, Crazy 8s, Hearts, Dominos or other games.

Anyone with questions is encouraged to call 413-283–2329, or email palewis19@yahoo.com.

Wing Memorial Hospital auxiliary offers seven scholarships

PALMER – The Wing Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is offering a one-year scholarship of \$1,000 to students planning to enter the healthcare field. One eligible student from each of the following schools will be chosen: Belchertown High School, Ludlow High School, Minnechaug Regional High School, Monson High School, Palmer High School, Pathfinder Regional High School and Ware High School. Applications are available at the guidance department of each school and at the Wing Memorial Hospital Gift Shop and must be postmarked or emailed by March 31.

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said its 2015 report “validated” the original project model and confirmed the park’s compliance with state regulations, but town officials disagreed.

According to the judgment, PMP argued it wanted a different sound study metric to be used, but the court said it did not have the power to order a community to rewrite a permit with different conditions. The order also pointed out the original study used the same metric to submit to the town.

Ferguson said many of the mitigation measures the town had wanted, such as acoustical barriers, have been installed. He said the track has spent a great deal of money on mitigation measures, which could have been invested in other track facilities.

“At the end of the day I need to make sure we’ve done everything we can,” he said about making the noise at a reasonable level for residents of Palmer and surrounding towns. “I want to go the extra mile for the community.”

Leduc said there is no necessity for additional hearings, but the town will work with PMP to make sure it is in compliance according to the court order.

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which is one of the most exciting parts of the job. “I have been there for nine years,” said Lowell. “I’m having the time of my life. I’m extremely happy, the bank has done extremely well.” In closing, Lowell said when students enter the working field, they should pursue something they will want to do everyday.

Cassidy, president of the Eastern States Exposition, told the students at a young age he was inspired by his grandfather to become an accountant and to always have a good job. He graduated from Western New England University, where he got a degree in accounting, and worked for KPMG and other firms where he gained more experience, Cassidy became the chief financial officer for ESE in 1993, and the CEO in 2012. Now, as president, Cassidy said his job involves spotting talent and nurturing them in their careers.

For Flynn, president of Link to Libraries, working different jobs throughout high school led her to decide that she would not like to sit at a desk from 9 to 5 p.m. Her career path included working in the United States Senate for 10 years, deciding she wanted to write children’s books and getting a master’s degree in children’s literature. Flynn told students, to “work hard and take chances,” and the scary moments in the pursuit of their careers might teach them something that will benefit them.

Royal, president of Holyoke Community College, began her talk with how she was able to overcome her hardships at home through the education system. She said teachers helped her discover where she excelled academically, where she began to master math, which she has used throughout her career and life. She also said her knowledge of computers as helped her as well. Her skill in teaching came through working as a sales agent, advocating for the use of computers and teaching other employees how to adapt to technology. “I felt that my passion was helping people improve their lives with education,” said Royal. “I believe education is one of the most powerful tools to change your life.”

Later, Royal told the students to find out what they enjoy to do since that will take them far in life. “Don’t chase a job, but instead think about what you’re good at, and what makes your heart feel good,” said Royal “That will land you in the profession that your best suited to provide your gifts to the world.”

Nate Costa, president of the Springfield Thunderbirds, spoke about beginning his career path without knowing what he wanted to do in sports. He started off at Holyoke Community College, and then went to Northeastern University, where he got his degree in journalism. Later on, he worked for the San Antonio Spurs organization as an account executive, where he learned there is much more to sports than just athletics. From there, he worked for the American Hockey League, which involved traveling across the country. He also helped sports organizations build their businesses for over seven years before becoming president. Costa’s advice was to encourage students to take chances, since they never know what it could lead to.

After each panelist finished answering the questions the fifth-graders had for them, they took a group picture, and left the students, such as Raymond Colby, to reflect on all of their stories and advice.

“I think it was a very nice thing for them to share personal information about their lives,” said Colby. “It’s very helpful.”

American International College to offer cannabis degree beginning

SPRINGFIELD– American International College will offer a master’s degree in science in cannabis science and commerce beginning fall semester 2020, the first of its kind in this region.

The 30-credit, hybrid graduate program is designed for individuals interested in a career in the cannabis industry and will provide students with an understanding of the science, business, and legal issues associated with the cannabis industry. The program offers education in the areas of basic science including chemistry, horticulture, cultivation, uses, and delivery systems; business management, marketing, and

operations; and federal and state laws and policies.

According to a March 2020 jobs report issued by Leafly, the world’s largest cannabis website, over the past four years, legal cannabis supports nearly a quarter of a million jobs. That equates to a 15 percent annual uptick in employment. The multi-billion dollar cannabis industry continues to be the single greatest job creation engine nationally, growing at a faster rate than any other industry in the same timeframe.

In the Northeast, Massachusetts is among the top 10 states across the country where cannabis jobs exist. Moreover, reported retail sales to the Can-

nabis Control Commission were \$420 million in 2019. Smaller markets like Maine and Vermont, that previously legalized recreational marijuana without allowing sales, may finally see regulated stores open in the coming year. Nonetheless, in Vermont, the medical marijuana industry realized \$14 million in sales with nearly 300 jobs last year. Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island all have medical marijuana dispensaries. With 14 dispensaries statewide, Connecticut served nearly 40,000 patients with estimated sales approaching \$60 million, supporting nearly 1,400 jobs. New Hampshire also realized growth, al-

beit on a smaller scale, with a \$22.5 million market and more than 400 jobs. Rhode Island has posted a nearly 50 percent year-over-year growth topping \$50 million with more than 1,000 jobs.

AIC’s Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Mika Nash, EdD, said, “American International College is excited to introduce a graduate level program that offers courses focused on developing business acumen in a field that is experiencing a meteoric rise. AIC is positioning itself to be an educational leader in this flourishing industry in order to ensure our students have job opportunities upon gradu-

ation.”

With medical marijuana legal in 33 states and Washington D.C., and recreational marijuana now legal in 11 states and the nation’s capital, The U.S. Cannabis Report 2019 Industry Outlook, projects annual sales of medical and recreational cannabis will continue to rise over the next several years, reaching nearly \$30 billion by 2025. Both nationally and regionally, this rapidly emerging market offers burgeoning employment and entrepreneurial opportunities for the future.

For more information about this degree go online to www.aic.edu/cannabis.

Register for “Mini Medical School” spring semester

SPRINGFIELD – Baystate Medical Center’s Mini Medical School begins on March 19 offering participants the opportunity to broaden their knowledge of the field of medicine with professors from the teaching hospital.

Mini Medical School offers area residents an inside look at the expanding field of medicine – minus the tests, homework, interviews and admission formalities.

Baystate’s Mini Medical School program is an eight-week health education series featuring a different aspect of medicine each week. Classes this spring will include sessions on various medical topics such as surgery, neurosurgery, genetics, pathology, emergency medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, and heart and vascular care.

While it is not difficult to be accepted into the program, slots are limited and early registration is recommended.

Many of the “students,” who often range in age from 20 to 70, participate due to a general interest in medicine and later find that many of the things they learned over the semester are relevant to their own lives. The goal of the program, offered in the comfortable and friendly environment of the hospital’s Chestnut Conference Center, is to help members of the public make more informed decisions about their health care while receiving insight on what it might be like to be a medical student.

Baystate Medical Center

is the region’s only comprehensive teaching hospital and each course is taught by medical center faculty who explain the science of medicine without resorting to complex terms.

All classes are held Thursday nights starting at 6 p.m. and run until 8 or 9 p.m., depending on the night’s topic. No basic science knowledge is needed to participate. Each participant is required to attend a minimum of six out of eight classes in order to receive a certificate of completion.

Among the topics and speakers slated for the spring semester are:

March 19 – “Hey, I Finally Got into Medical School!” with Dr. Kevin Hinchey, chief education officer, Baystate Health, and senior associate dean for

Education at the University of Massachusetts Medical School – Baystate, includes a general tour of the medical center.

March 26 – “Pathology” with Dr. Wayne H. Duke, vice chair, Department of Pathology, includes tour of the lab.

April 2 – “Heart & Vascular” with Dr. Aaron Kugelmass, vice president and medical director, Heart & Vascular Program, and chief, Division of Cardiology.

April 9 – “Obstetrics and Gynecology” with Dr. Heather Sankey, chair, Obstetrics and Gynecology

April 16 – “Surgery” with Dr. Neal Seymour, chief, General Surgery Division, includes a tour of Chestnut Surgery Center, Baystate Simulation Center and Goldberg Surgical Skills

Lab

April 23 – “Neurosurgery” with Dr. Kamal Kalia of Baystate Neurosurgery

April 30 – “Genetics” with Dr. Mary-Alice Abbott, chief, Medical Genetics

May 7 – “Emergency Medicine” with Dr. Joseph Schmidt, vice chair and chief, Emergency Medicine, including a graduation ceremony.

Tuition is \$95 per person and \$80 for Senior Class and Every Woman members.

Registration for the spring semester of Mini-Medical School is now in session by calling 413-794-7630 or visiting www.baystatehealth.org/minimed.

Meeting in March on new highway exit numbers

SPRINGFIELD – State transportation officials have scheduled additional meetings about the planned switch to mileage-based exit numbers on major highways.

After a first round of sessions was held in December, there will be at least one additional Western Massachusetts date this spring. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation will hold a public information meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, in Room 220 of City Hall, 36 Court St., Springfield. All are invited to learn more about the project and ask questions in person.

The conversion, planned to begin this summer, will affect most highways with exit numbers in Massachusetts, including Interstates 84, 90, 91, 190, 290 and 395, and the expressway portions of state routes such as Route 2.

For example, on the Massachusetts Turnpike, rather than running from Exit 1 in West Stockbridge to Exit 26 at Logan Airport, mileage-based exit

numbers will start at 3 and end at 137. The former Exit 7 in Ludlow and Exit 8 in Palmer will become Exits 54 and 63, respectively.

A handful of short expressways with closely spaced exits, including Interstates 291 and 391 in the Springfield area, will not see their numbers change.

The switch will bring most highways in Massachusetts, one of the last states in the country to number its exits sequentially, into compliance with 2009 federal standards. The project is expected to cost \$2.8 million, statewide, of which 90 percent will be paid by a federal grant. MassDOT officials have said if the exit numbers are not changed by 2022, Massachusetts could have its federal highway aid withheld.

MassDOT also plans to schedule additional meetings this spring and summer. For more information about the project, visit www.NewMassExits.com.

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Quabbin enters the digital age

BELCHERTOWN – On Sunday, Feb. 23, the Quabbin Visitor Center will present a free public program entitled “Quabbin Enters the Digital Age” by Department of Conservation and Recreation archivist Sean Fisher. The program begins at 2 p.m. and is suitable for all ages.

As part of the Quabbin Reservoir Construction Project, thousands of photographs were taken of the properties purchased and removed by the Metropolitan District Water Supply Commission to build the reservoir. These photos are a fascinating window into the world of the Quabbin Valley as it exist-

ed prior to 1938. They have been scanned and are now available to the public to view online through the Digital Commonwealth project. Fisher will be joined by MA Water Resources Authority project intern Katy Purington who worked on the metadata that is part of the photograph collection.

The Quabbin Visitor Center is located in the DCR Quabbin Administration Building at the west end of Winsor Dam in Belchertown. Access to the Center is through the Main (West) Quabbin Park entrance on Route 9, three miles east of the Route 9/Route 202 intersection. Seating and atten-

dance are limited and on a first come-first serve basis. For further information regarding the program, please contact the Center at 413-323-7221.

Turley Publications courtesy photo
The Quabbin Visitor Center in Belchertown will offer a program on historical photographs of the buildings that were in the towns of what is now the Quabbin Reservoir on Feb. 23, at 2 p.m. This is a photo of the Harriet E. Hess property in Enfield on Jan. 14, 1928.



Gary Lippincott, an artist whose work has been featured in prominent fantasy and science fiction publications, stands with one of his creations at the ArtWorks Gallery last Saturday evening. Lippincott's artwork has the style of old-fashioned craftsmanship often found in folk and fairy tales. His watercolor work, "A Fairy Love," was also on display at the event last Saturday evening.



Turley Publications correspondent photos by Lauretta R. St. George-Sorel
In the upper left-hand corner is a painting by Loretta Medeiros called "Alaska 1," which, according to the artist, was a place of "enormous vast wilderness and majestic mountains." She fell in love with Alaska and plans to return someday. Medeiros is a director at ArtWorks Gallery.

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West Street in Ware, approximately where Taco Bell is now situated. She says that she was “obsessed” with that house, and she recounts her emotional attachment to it with these words: “In the 1980s I fell in love with a house. I would drive by it on my way to downtown Ware. I loved the play of light and shadows on the front porch and the way it sat in the center of a field surrounded by an old pine tree and a hay field. Eventually I became close friends with Sylvia, one of the owners. While I sketched and painted, she would regale me with stories of growing up in the house her grandfather had built. The old pine tree, just next to the porch, was referred to the “birthday tree,” where she and her siblings would have birthday parties beneath its branches, gifts hanging down from its lower boughs. I painted that tree and I painted that house in every season. I painted it under a full moon and during a snowstorm. As I sat painting the kitchen window early one spring day, I wondered about the twine affixed to the ground and tacked up under the side of the kitchen window. In summer, I was delighted to see the morning glories blooming on the vines surrounding the window. Season after season, the house seemed to have a rhythm all its own. Ultimately, progress prevailed; Sylvia moved to a home closer to her daughter out west, and the house lay dormant for a number of years, eventually being knocked down to accommodate a parking lot and fast food shops, but I still see the beautiful old farm house and the fruits and trees surrounding it when I drive past.”

Pecora has been painting the streets, harbors, factories and farms of New England throughout her life. She is a signature member of the New England Watercolor Society, host of the WGBY-PBS affiliate TV show, “Reflections through Watercolor,” and a member of the Copley Square Society in Boston. Her paintings have been exhibited throughout the country, winning awards at the National Art League in New York, the San Diego Art Association, and the Rocky Mountain Association, among others. Thirteen of her paintings were used to create a calendar for Willie Nelson’s Farm Aid.

Among the artists whose work was shown was Ware’s Susan Harris, whose art is inspired by her contacts with nature: oceans, forests, land and cityscapes. Following a career in banking, Harris is retired, devoting much of her time to painting, mainly in watercolor. Although she has also worked in oils, pastels, and acrylics, after experiencing the exciting technique of watercolor, she works primarily in the medium now. She also offers classes in watercolor at Workshop13’s Cultural Arts Center at 13 Church St in Ware.

One of her paintings on display at the Saturday event was “Wells Little Marsh House,” about which she had written: “I have painted this view many times, mostly in the evening trying to capture the fabulous sunsets. This one is just before sunset when the sky turns to reds and oranges. It is the marsh view from behind our summer rental on Wells Beach, Maine. Our neighbors joke that we must have 1,000 photos of it, always spectacular, always different. It’s one of our family’s favorite spots, our “happy place.”

Gary Lippincott’s watercolor piece “A Fairy Love” had a quote that was attributed to Lunaea Wetherstone from The Victorian Tarot: “Time drifts by unheeded, and the sweethearts are floating in an idyll of infatuation and breathless love.” His work has been featured in prominent fantasy and science fiction publications and on labels for imported beers and ales. His artwork has the style of old-fashioned craftsmanship often found in folk and fairy tales. In addition to his two-dimensional work, Lippincott has dabbled in sculpture and creating one-of-a-kind mario-nettes. His art hangs in numerous galleries and had been purchased by collectors worldwide.

Roc Goudreau’s oil painting called “Salome,” a partially nude woman, was one of the artist’s contributions to the event. His comments about the piece were: “I love beauty. I love trying to capture it in my paintings. I like to focus on the light. I believe that love and beauty are eternal, something we should aspire to and not turn away from out of lack of courage or embarrassment. It

makes life a more pleasurable experience.”

Goodreau was born in Ware, where he started his career at a very young age. After studying painting with Elizabeth Howe Lincoln, he went on to study drawing under Dean G. Keller at Lyme Academy of Fine Arts. During the last 40 years, he has made a living as a professional artist. He is a longtime member of Western Mass Illustrators Guild and one of the founders of Workshop13. He teaches various art classes, including painting and drawing for adults and children.

Medeiros works in a variety of mediums including oil, pastel, watercolor, scratch board and acrylics. She has a love affair with Alaska, according to the comments she wrote about her piece called “Alaska 1.” “I chose this subject after returning from Alaska, a place I fell in love with while I was there. The enormous vast wilderness and majestic mountains back-dropped a rugged terrain dotted with a spectacular range of values and color. Definitely eye candy for any artist. Plan to do a series and return to Alaska someday.”

Other artists whose work was on display at Saturday’s event included Linda Spelko, Peter Mayberry, Elizabeth Howe Lincoln, Yoshi Kogo, Linda Graves, Bevlynn Gallant, Curt Emerson, Tod Beall, Juliet Bacchas, Deborah Rubin, Kara Bigda and Kathleen Dequence Anderson.

The artists’ work will be on display through February 27. Be sure to stop in and fall in love.



A watercolor painting by Susan Harris depicts a rental house on Wells Beach in Maine. The painting was on display at last Saturday’s event at ArtWorks on Main Street in Ware, celebrating how artists turn their love stories into art. Harris calls this work “Wells Little Marsh House.”

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MIAA

Editor's note: This is the final article of a four-part series to break down the statewide tournament proposal, what it is, its effect on the Western Mass. region, the challenges, and how your athletic directors and coaches feel about it.

Western Mass. tournament important to ADs, coaches

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

REGION — One representative from each of the 380 MIAA member high schools will be voting on the new statewide tournament proposal on Feb. 28 at Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School located in Marlborough.

Several Western Mass. athletic directors and coaches have expressed their concerns about the new plan. At the top of the list is how the new statewide tournament will impact the future of the Western Mass. tournaments.

"I think the Tournament Management Committee has done a tremendous job of putting together this proposal and they've done their research," said Ludlow Athletic Director Tim Brillo. "The biggest concern in this area is making sure that we can maintain the Western Mass. Championships. I'm hoping we'll still be able to do that."

If the new tournament plan does pass on the Feb. 28, a Western Mass. tournament could still possibly be held during the final week of the regular season in each team sport.

"It might be like how the NCAA does it now in basketball," added Brillo, who's currently a member of the MIAA Board of Directors. "They hold a conference tournament prior to the start of the NCAA tournament. I'm really hoping that we can do the same type of thing with all of our sports. Changes are always scary and difficult."

At its January meeting, the Board of Directors voted 14-3 in favor of the statewide tournament proposal.

Brillo isn't really sure what the outcome of the vote will be on Feb. 28.

If the new statewide plan is approved, it will go into effect at the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

Currently the winner of each Division of the Western Mass. tournaments faces the winning team of the Central Mass. tournament in the state semifinals. The winner of that contest plays the Eastern Mass. champion in the state finals.

"There are some inequities on how a team currently gets into the tournament," Brillo said. "There is a seeding inequity and there is a difference in number of games played, especially in Eastern Mass., to get to the state finals."

Under the new statewide plan, the top 32 teams in each Division will be ranked by Maxpreps and they'll automatically qualify for the postseason tournament. All of the other teams that finish with a .500 or better record will also qualify for the tournament. The teams will be put in four brackets similar to the NCAA basketball tournament.

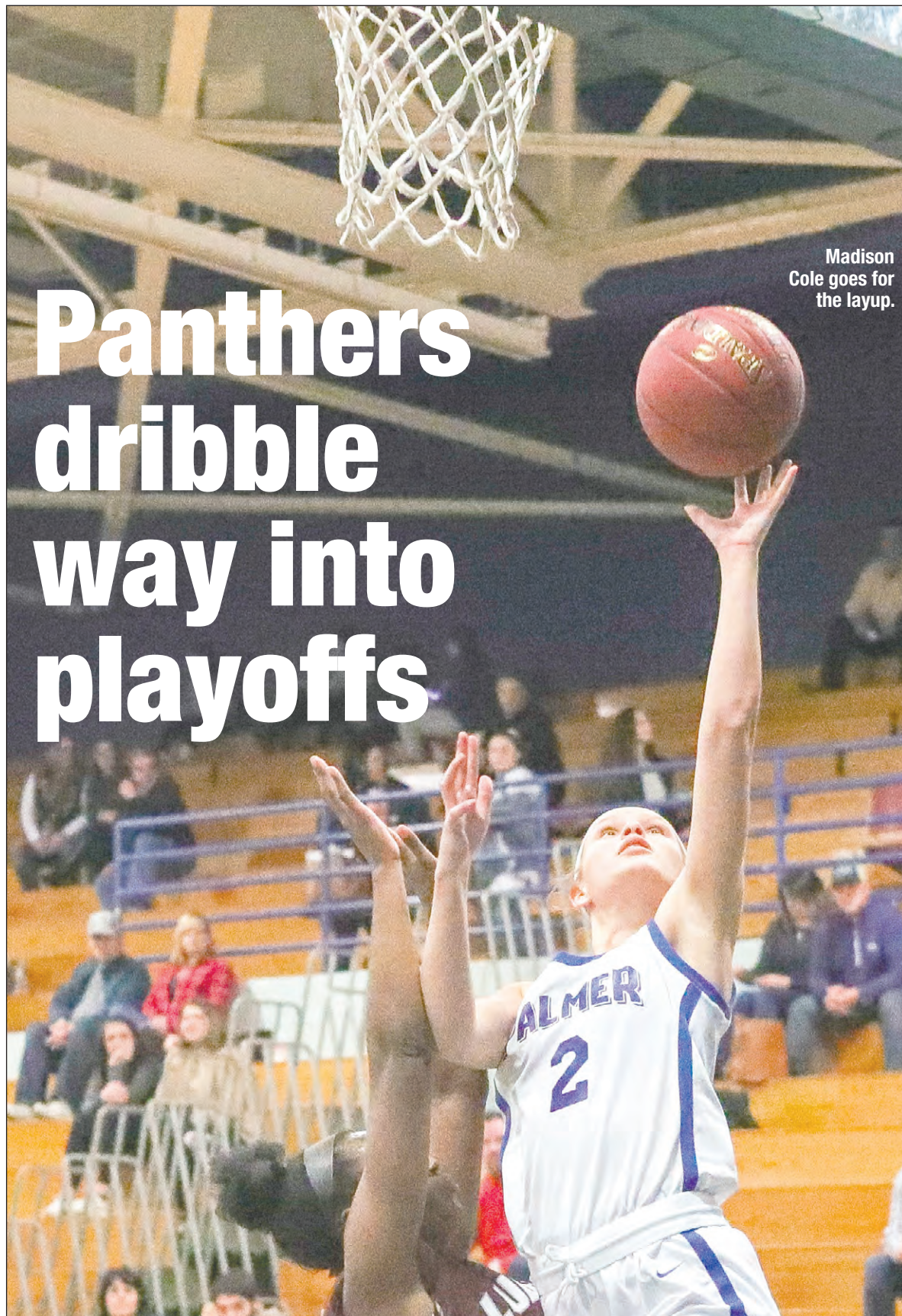
The finals of the Western Mass. girls and boys basketball tournaments are currently held at the historic Curry Hicks Cage located on the UMass-Amherst campus. It's the one place all of the varsity basketball players from Western Mass. dreams about playing a game at that special venue.

"All of our basketball teams have really enjoyed the experience of playing at the Cage in the past," said Ware boys varsity basketball coach Gene Rich. "It would be nice if we're able to keep the Western Mass. tournament. You could play one of your rivals in the tournament. I would hate to break up something that works."

Rich is also the Principal at Ware High School.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL



Madison Cole goes for the layup.

Panthers dribble way into playoffs



Madalyn Theriault throws in for two.



Vanessa Baer has her eyes on this rebound.



Photos by Jack Cascio NEAP.smugmug.com
Saige Youngberg drives into the paint.



Miyah Mega dribbles toward the basket.

PALMER — The Palmer High School girls basketball capped a three-game winning streak with their 10th win of the season to qualify for the Western Massachusetts Division 3 Tournament. The 10th win came last Friday night against Ludlow 54-42. Madalyn Theriault led the team with 17 points, nine of

them coming on made-free throws. Jillian Lombardi had 10 points. Saige Youngberg had nine points and Madison Cole added eight points. Palmer limited Ludlow's offense to just four points in the first quarter, and was able to use that momentum to the victory.

MIAA

State tournament information meeting scheduled

REGION — The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) Tournament Management Committee (TMC) has scheduled the regional meetings. These meetings will include an overview presentation of the Statewide Tournament Proposal provided by members of the MIAA TMC, followed by a question-and-answer session.

These informational meetings

are a great opportunity to enhance understanding of the Statewide Tournament Proposal and provide feedback to the TMC. The meetings are open to Superintendents, Principals, Athletic Directors, Coaches, Officials and Media.

The Western Massachusetts meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 24 at Chicopee Comprehensive High School at 6 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Warriors take down Cougars



Photos by Jack Cascio NEAP.smugmug.com
Lydia Boland fires a pass to an open player.

By Chris Drosehn
Sports Correspondent

WARREN — It was Senior Night in Warren at Quaboag Regional where the girls varsity basketball squad of Quaboag took on Tantasqua Regional High School.

The basketball took a back seat to the night for seniors of the home team, Quaboag. Unfortunately for the Lady Cougars, they did not come away with a win against Tantasqua suffering a 52-40 loss.

The two seniors playing in

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BASKETBALL

Mustangs win offensive slugfest over Orioles, head for tourney



Monson's 1,000-point scorer Logan Gerry flies for a layup.

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

MONSON — Monson sophomore forward Colby Duggan didn't play in a non-league home game versus Greenfield on Feb. 8 because of a right hand injury.

Belchertown varsity coach Matt Stenius was probably hoping that Duggan wouldn't be able to play against his team either two nights later. His wish didn't come true.

Duggan returned to the starting line-up and wound up posting a double-double. He scored a career-high 39 points and pulled down 15 rebounds leading the Mustangs to an 83-69 non-league victory over the Orioles at Michael J. Kane Gymnasium last Monday night, Feb. 10.

"Colby Duggan is legit," Stenius said. "He's the best player that



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Danny Fiester goes for side shot.

we've faced all year and the box score proves that. He scored his points from both inside and outside in tonight's game. Monson is also the best team that we've played this year."

Duggan made 16 of his 20 field goal attempts, which includes four 3-pointers, against the Orioles. He also made three free throws.

"I didn't know how well I would play before the start of the game," Duggan said. "My shots just started to fall and I felt very good out there tonight."

It was the fifth time that Duggan has scored 30 or more points in a game this season. His previous career-high was 35 points in an 84-62 home win against archival Palmer on January 20.

Monson head coach Joe Trivisonno was very glad that Duggan, who has scored more than 400



Colby Duggan takes to the air for a jump shot.

points so far this season, was back on the court again.

"We were very relieved that Colby's hand wasn't broken," Trivisonno said. "He didn't look very good at practice yesterday, but he certainly played very well in tonight's game. I don't know if there is a better combination of players in Western Mass. than Colby and Logan (Gerry)."

Gerry scored 19 points in the home win versus the Orioles, which pushed the Mustangs overall season record to 13-5. They've gone 10-1 since a three-game losing streak at the beginning of January.

"We're playing very well right now," Trivisonno added. "Every player has made a contribution during our winning streak."

Junior guard Danny Fiester

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Bondsville Bowling News

By Dave Smigiel

The Incredibowls have extended their Western division lead after they surprised No. 1 Roll-A-Way 7-0. In the first, it was Steve Swistak's 129 along with Peter Swistak's 116 that countered Phil Clough's super 146 resulting in a win by 25 pins. They secured the second by 10 as Aaron Plankey's 103 and Pete's 111 was just enough despite Kylie Josefiak's 113 and Dan Josefiak's 112. Dan with 120 and Kylie with 106 just came up short in the finale as Steve's 104 and Pete's 102 settled the issue by eight. Pete topped his squad at 329 with Steve right behind at 326. Phil led his quartet at 344 with Dan at 336 and Kylie 314. Pinfall by 43 in Roll-A-Way's

first seven-point loss of the year.

Meanwhile the Narutowicz took five from the Cannonballs. All four barmen topped 300 with Lee Robinson their best at 328 (124 and 112 singles). Harry McKeon aided with his 314 which included singles of 120 and 106 while Dan Trzpit added 119 and 312 and Cricket 121 and 307. Micah Hinckley was the lone bright spot for the Cannonballs as his 317 included a dynamite 135 opener. The Towicz now find themselves three off the pace in the West.

In the Central, Sandri decided the Fans of Kayce Smith 4-3. Sandri took the opener handily as Sean Andersen's 113, Roland Horton's 101, Randy Harper's 102 and Sue Horton's 110 offset Mike Nicholson's 110

and Tom Clauson's 125. Brian Rowe, back from vacation, registered a 133 second and this together with James Nester's 140 had the Fans looking good until Sean responded with 106 and Randy 116. Still trailing, Sue pulled it out by four with her timely 124. She finished with a 108 third (342) but the Fans got the better of it as Mike's 111 and James' 133 was plenty for a 42-pin victory which enabled them to take the pinfall point by a baker's dozen. James was on top for the Fans at 370 with both Mike and Brian at 316 and Tom 308. Sean recorded 311 and Randy 308 for Sandri.

The Night Hawks slipped past the Snappers 5-2. The Snappers came out firing on all cylinders by opening with a 516

and an easy W. Ryan Balicki's 123, Kevin Krasnecky's 115 and Rusty Lambert's 133 contributed to the big number. Gavin Sinclair's 120, Dave Fennyery's 121 and Darryl Sinclair's 107 fell short. Ryan with 104 and Kras with 109 began the second for the shellmen but the Hawks would answer with a 515 of their own. Doug Grigas' 104, Dave's 120 and Gavin's fantastic 156, which included a triple strike, did the trick for the Hawks. The rubber game was decided by sixteen for the Hawks as Gavin's 115 (391 trifecta) and Darryl's 122 countered Kras' 110 and Rusty's 101. Kras topped the shellmen at 334 with Russ at 321 and Blick 319. Dave F. totaled 340 and Darryl 317 for the victorious Hawks who won pinfall by 44.

T-Birds sweep Checkers in weekend series

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Springfield Thunderbirds (28-23-2-0) again erased an early deficit en route to a 4-3 win over the Charlotte Checkers (29-18-4-0) on Sunday afternoon inside the Bojangles' Coliseum. It was the first weekend sweep for the T-Birds in Charlotte in their history.

For a second straight game, the Checkers power play would draw first blood. This time around, the T-Birds went down two men on back-to-back penalties just 12 seconds apart, and with just seconds remaining on the disadvantage, Gustav Forsling blasted a one-timer from the right point that squeaked between the legs of Ryan Bednard to give Charlotte a 1-0 lead at 12:48 of the opening frame.

Bednard was otherwise perfect in an opening period onslaught of 15 shots from the Checkers, including five from Forsling alone. Anton Forsberg was not as busy in the Checkers' goal crease, as he turned away eight shots in the opening period and went almost eight minutes

without seeing a shot at the onset of the game.

The Springfield power play, rejuvenated by Rodrigo Abols' overtime tally the night before, struck on its first chance at 6:35 of the second with former Checker Aleksis Saarela rifling a one-time, cross-box pass from Henrik Borgstrom over the glove of Forsberg to tie the score, 1-1.

Charlotte would vault back to the lead at 11:51 when Dave Gust picked up a puck in the left circle off a shot block and snapping it over the shoulder of Bednard to give the Checkers their second lead, 2-1.

This lead, however, would last but 46 seconds. Borgstrom created an amazing play by throwing a between-the-legs pass through a defender to a cutting Ethan Prow, who backhanded a rising shot into the cage to tie it up again, 2-2, at 12:37.

The 2-2 tie carried into the early stages of the third as Forsberg and Bednard continued to trade strong netminder plays and saves. After Springfield had eight of the first nine

shots in the third without a result, the top line finally broke through at 12:42. After Roland McKeown had a puck hop past him at the left point, Saarela and Dryden Hunt set sail for the offensive zone in a 2-on-0. Saarela held onto the puck as long as possible before slipping a pass back to Hunt, who slammed it through the legs of Forsberg to make it 3-2 with 7:18 to play. It was Hunt's second goal and third point in two games on the weekend.

Those two would not be finished, though, as Saarela hit Hunt for an empty-net walk-in with 1:20 to play, which would turn out to be the game-winner after Steven Lorentz got Charlotte back to a 4-3 victory with just 30 seconds remaining.

Bednard improved to 4-1 in his five AHL decisions as a netminder, stopping 33 of 36 for the victory, while Forsberg had 27 saves in defeat.

Springfield continues its push toward the Calder Cup playoffs as they return home.

MIAA Bracketology returning soon

REGION — March Madness is coming, and for the second straight year, Turley Sports will bring you "MIAA bracketology."

In two weeks, in our February 27 and 28 issues of all Turley Publications papers, the sports department will be presenting its picks for the MIAA Western Massachusetts Tournaments. There will be four brackets for boys basketball, and four brackets for girls basketball.

The brackets will detail our picks to make it all the way to our own sectional championships, held right at the famed Curry Hicks Cage on the campus of the University of

Massachusetts-Amherst.

Will we be right, or will we be wrong? Who knows. But we sincerely hope our readers enjoy following the progress of the Western Mass. tournament, one of the most popular tournaments that takes place in the year. Whether it is Division 1 or Division 4, the basketball tournaments are some of most exciting action of the year.

The brackets we will be presenting in two weeks will reflect simple guesses on the part of Turley Sports with short commentary below each bracket to explain our brackets. We encourage you to

compare our brackets to your own. We hope you enjoy watching the tournament unfold from Feb. 24 when the first round is scheduled to begin, all the way to Curry Hicks Cage on March 7 and 8.

The tournament brackets are scheduled to be released on Saturday, Feb. 22. The Turley Sports bracketology will be prepared the following day, prior to the start of the tournament, and then will be available online through our turley.com website and will be published in the papers available Thursday, Feb. 27 and Friday, Feb. 28. Happy tournament to all!

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just missed reaching double figures in the only meeting of the regular season against the Orioles. He scored seven of his nine points during the first half.

Junior guard Connor Santos chipped in with five points and junior guard Scottie Watson added four points.

Rounding out the scoring column for the home team were junior forward Luke Hedspeith (3 points), senior forward Sam Malo (2 points), and junior forward Gabe Zippin (2 points), who does a lot of the little things that don't always show up in the box score.

"Gabe is a beast out there," Trivisonno said. "His energy, strength, and toughness is unmatched by very many players. He's really coming into his own this year."

It was the fourth time this season that Monson has scored at least 80 points.

"There were many positives in tonight's game, especially offensively," Trivisonno said. "I didn't think we defended as well as we have been in our last couple of games."

While the Mustangs are preparing for the Western Mass. Division 4 tournament, the Orioles (8-10) were hoping to qualify for the Division 2 tournament for the first

time in two years. Those dreams came to an end following a 58-34 home loss to Mahar Regional, last Thursday night.

It was the final home game for Belchertown seniors Tyler Grissom, Hunter Klingensmith, and Owen Raines, who scored 10 points against Monson with the help of a pair of 3-pointers.

The last meeting on the hardwood between the Orioles and the Mustangs took place during the 2016-17 regular season. The Mustangs pulled out a 58-46 road victory in that contest.

The Orioles were paced in last week's road game versus the Mustangs by junior forward Jordan Lanoue, who scored 16 of his team-high 25 points during the first half. Sophomore guard Nate Sajdak finished with 10 points, while junior guard Nate Schiffer scored nine points and junior guard Ryan Zawistowski added six points.

In the middle of the opening quarter, Duggan hit a foul-line jumper giving the Mustangs a 13-7 lead.

The Orioles scored the next six points and tied the score for the only time in the game at 13-13 with 2:24 left in the opening quarter following a made free throw by Schiffer.

"We fell behind early in the

game, but we battled back and tied the score," Stenius said. "Then they went on another run and we tried to make a comeback, but we could never get over the hump. It was just one of those games."

The Mustangs responded by scoring the next 14 points. They took a 27-13 lead a minute into the second quarter when Duggan buried a 3-pointer from the top of the key.

Belchertown outscored Monson, 21-17 during the final seven minutes of the first half. The Mustangs held a 44-34 halftime lead.

The Orioles began the second half with a Raines 3-pointer from the left corner and a Lanoue inside hoop closing the gap to 44-39.

The Mustangs would then put-together a 14-5 run, which gave them a 58-44 advantage following a Gerry lay-up with 3:20 left in third quarter.

Monson led by as many as 21 points during the final quarter.

In the middle of the fourth quarter, Gerry tossed the ball off the glass and Duggan dunked it sending the faithful Mustangs supporters into a frenzy.

"Logan and I just looked at each other before that dunk. He threw the ball off the backboard and I dunked it," Duggan said. "It was a really good feeling."

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Athlete of the Week

Colby Duggan

Monson High School

In a win over Belchertown last week, Duggan returned to the lineup and sunk an impressive 39 points against the Orioles. To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.

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Madison Varney brings the ball toward center court.



Emerson Cherry breaks through the Cougar defense.



Photos by Jack Cascio NEAP:smugmug.com
Hayley Courtney drives to the paint.

WARRIORS ■ from page 9

their final regular season home game for Quaboag are Kiarra Dorman and Adeline Ford.

"They're the greatest kids to be able to coach. You couldn't ask for two better players. They're going to be missed," said head coach William Beauregard.

After a defensive rebound, it seemed that the team would have to finish out senior night without Dorman in front of a raucous crowd. She appeared to hurt her ankle after the rebound, but was able to return to the game after sitting out for the end of the first quarter.

Dorman was able to overcome the injury and led Quaboag in points with 23.

The game itself was a very physical game. Frustrations mounted as Quaboag couldn't find any

offensive traction. There were some shoves exchanged while the ball was live, and the referees tried their best to keep the game in order.

"It kind of got out of hand there. We lost control of it a little bit," said Beauregard. "In the end, nobody did anything too crazy and we were able to finish it."

Quaboag has earned themselves a spot in the District tournament this year, so it is not the end of



Sophie Law takes possession of this rebound.

the season for them by any means. The team is hopeful for a deep run into the tournament and to let the careers for both Dorman and Ford end on a higher note than this game.

TOURNEY ■ from page 9

All of the Western Mass. tournaments are run by the PVIAC.

Lou Conte is the PVIAC Executive Secretary and Jeff Boudway is the PVIAC Administrative Assistant.

"The PVIAC has done a great job and it has been commended many times by the MIAA for the way it conducts business in this part of the state," Rich said. "They do the tournament seedings and make the tournament schedules for each sport."

The Central Mass. basketball tournament is normally held at the Harrington Auditorium located on the W.P.I. campus in Worcester. A longtime Central Mass. girls varsity basketball coach always says that playing a tournament game at W.P.I. is like going to Disney World for his players.

The Clark Tournament, which is held during the February school vacation week, is another popular basketball tournament in Central Massachusetts.

All of the high schools will have to insert their win and loss records to Maxpreps in order for the

new system to be successful.

The first and second finishers in almost every league also currently qualify for the postseason tournament, but that will no longer take place under the new plan.

Minnechaug Regional High School Athletic Director Michael Roy said he would like to see more clarity on the way Maxpreps will choose rankings.

"They have not really clarified the format Maxpreps will use to judge the games," said Roy. "That makes it hard to judge this tournament proposal."

The South Hadley girls basketball team will finish the regular season with a below .500 overall record, but they still clinched a berth in the Western Mass. Division 3 tournament by finishing in second place in the Suburban League.

While Brillo is the Athletic Director of a large high school that currently competes at the Division 1 and 2 levels, Rich coach's basketball at a smaller high school that competes at the Division 4 level in most sports.

"It might be a struggle for a

smaller high schools like us," said Rich. "Financially, it could put a little bit of a burden on our athletic budget if we're forced to travel to Eastern Mass. to play a tournament game. It's the same problem for every small high school in the state and we'll just have to think outside the box."

Agawam High School Athletic Director David Stratton and South Hadley High School Athletic Director Eric Castonguay have both said they are opposed to the proposal. Castonguay believes the proposal only benefits the eastern part of the state. Stratton says the Western Mass. tournament is important to the region.

"Even though the sectional tournament would change the path to a state final to be more equitable," said Stratton. "I feel the sectional playoff process works."

No matter the outcome of the vote on Feb. 28, the landscape of high school sports in Western Massachusetts will probably be changing during the next couple of years.

DEATH NOTICES

Plotczik, Richard D.
Died Feb. 16, 2019
Funeral Services will be private
Beers & Story Funeral Home, Palmer

Plotczik, Shirley M. (Philibotte)
Died Jan. 11, 2020
Funeral Services will be private
Beers & Story Funeral Home, Palmer

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OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$100, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph. **Death Notices & Paid Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

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O B I T U A R I E S

Joseph J. Nietupski Jr.

PALMER – Joseph J. Nietupski, Jr., 82, passed away with his family by his side, on Sunday, Feb. 16, 2020, at LifeCare Center in Wilbraham. Joe was born in his grandfather's farmhouse at Four Corners in Palmer to Joseph J., Sr and Helen T. (Smigiel) Nietupski.

Joe was graduated from Sts. Peter & Paul Parochial School in Three Rivers, and then graduated from Palmer High School in 1955. After attending American International College in Springfield, Joe enlisted with the Army National Guard in Ware.

He was employed at the New England Metal Culvert before getting laid off, and went on to successfully own and operate his own business, known as JJ Nietupski Trucking, picking up trash for over 35 years.

Joe loved his polka music.

He and his wife did a lot of traveling, and spent summer months in Vermont with the many friends they met there for over 30 years.

Joe will be deeply missed by his wife, Priscilla "Penny" (Mayers), of 57 years, having met on a blind date three years before. They enjoyed their motorcycle lifestyle in those early years. He will be missed by his sons, Rock, and his wife, Laura, of Bondsville, Ted, and his fiancée, Tina Clark, of Thorndike; his granddaughters, Elizabeth Esposito, and her husband, Fred, of Ulster Park, New York, Kara Nietupski, and her partner, Zach Kellogg, of Adams; sister-in-law, Faith Batchelder, of West Brookfield; and nieces, Laurie Mann, and



her husband, Tim, of Gilbertville, Leslie Spencer, and her husband, Jeff, of Atlanta, Georgia. Sadly, his niece, Leigh Batchelder, predeceased him in October 2019.

Services will be Saturday, Feb. 22, beginning from Motyka Funeral Home, 2186 Main St., Three Rivers, at 10 a.m., followed by burial at Four Corners Cemetery, Main Street, Thorndike. Calling hours will be Friday, Feb. 21, at the funeral home, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Donations may be made in Joe's name to BayState Health Foundation, Health & Vascular Care, 3500 Main St., Springfield, MA 01199.

Police/Fire

Fire Logs

PALMER

The Palmer Fire Department responded to a total of 15 calls from Wednesday, Feb. 12, to Monday, Feb. 17.

On Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 12:59 p.m., the department responded to a carbon-monoxide incident on Bennett Street. The department returned to service at 2:35 p.m.

On Thursday, Feb. 13, at 11:33 a.m., the department provided medical assistance on Randall Street. The department returned to service at 11:57 a.m.

On Thursday, Feb. 13, at 5:38 p.m., the department responded to a structure fire on Jim Ashe Street, while providing mutual aid to the Bondsville Fire Department. The department returned to service at 8:07 p.m.

On Friday, Feb. 14, at 7:50 a.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident on River Street. The department returned to service at 8:20 a.m.

On Friday, Feb. 14, at 8:01 a.m., the department responded to a structure fire on South Main Street. The department returned to service at 8:59 a.m.

On Friday, Feb. 14, at 8:11 a.m., the department responded to a citizen complaint on Park Street. The department returned to service at 12:30 p.m.

On Friday, Feb. 14, at 10:07 p.m., the department conducted a smoke investigation on Park Street. The department returned to service at 10:32 p.m.

On Saturday, Feb. 15, at 7:55 a.m., the department responded to a chimney fire on Monat Street., with

mutual aid from the Three Rivers Fire Department. The department returned to service at 9:08 a.m.

On Saturday, Feb. 15, at 6:14 p.m., the department responded to a structure fire on Ridge Road, with mutual aid from the Wilbraham Fire Department. The department returned to service at 8:40 p.m.

On Sunday, Feb. 16, at 6:07 p.m., the department responded to an odor investigation on Park Street. The department returned to service at 7:15 p.m.

On Sunday, Feb. 16, at 6:23 p.m., the department provided medical assistance on Beacon Drive. The department returned to service at 6:55 p.m.

On Monday, Feb. 17, at 2:25 p.m., the department provided a public service on Church Street in Thorndike. The department returned to service at 2:49 p.m.

On Monday, Feb. 17, at 2:49 p.m., the department responded to a call on Ware Street. There was no incident found at the dispatched address. The department returned to service at 3:15 p.m.

On Monday, Feb. 17, at 10:03 p.m., the department provided medical assistance on Park Street. The department returned to service at 10:21 p.m.

On Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 8:29 a.m., the department responded to a chimney fire on Sykes Street, with mutual aid from Three Rivers. The department returned to service at 10:06 p.m.

MONSON

The Monson Fire Department responded to nine fire calls and 29

EMS calls from Monday, Feb. 10 to Sunday, Feb. 16.

On Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 9:27 a.m., the department responded to 5 Lincoln St. for the smell of smoke. The department returned to service at 9:36 a.m.

On Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 5 a.m., the department provided public assistance to 68 Butler Rd. he department returned to service at 5:27 a.m.

On Thursday, Feb. 13, at 6:16 p.m., the department provided mutual aid to the town of Palmer for station coverage. The department returned to service at 7:2 p.m.

On Friday, Feb. 14, at 6:10 a.m., the department responded to 197 Main St. for an activated fire alarm. The department returned to service at 6:32 a.m.

On Friday, Feb. 14, at 7:17 a.m., the department provided public assistance to 68 Butler Rd. The department returned to service at 7:46 a.m.

On Friday, Feb. 14, at 4:01 p.m., the department responded to 35 Beebe Rd. for an illegal burn. The department returned to service at 6:10 p.m.

On Saturday, Feb. 15, at 6:19 p.m., the department provided mutual aid to the town of Wilbraham for a structure fire. The department returned to service at 8:45 p.m.

On Sunday, Feb. 16, at 2:45 p.m., the department responded to Carpenter Road for a motor vehicle accident. The department returned to service at 3:12 p.m.

O B I T U A R I E S

Richard D. "Dick" Plotczik

EAST LONGMEADOW – Richard D. "Dick" Plotczik, passed away in the East Longmeadow Skilled Nursing on Feb. 16, 2019. He was born in Worcester, on Dec. 10, 1930, to Anella Virginia (Dusak) Plotczik and John Charles Plotczik (born Jan Kazimierz Plotczyk).

Dick attended Worcester public schools. He then proudly served his country during the time of the Korean War as a U.S. Airforce Communications Specialist, Draftsman, and Staff Sergeant. His tours of duty included Greece, Great Britain, Germany, Morocco, and domestically, Mississippi and Wyoming.

Following his military service and marriage in 1955, he resided in North Wilbraham and then in Palmer.

Beginning work for the telephone company when it was known as "Ma Bell" and New England Telephone Co., Dick retired in 1991 as equipment installer/power testman, after nearly 40 years of service.

He was a proud and loving father, devoted husband, hard-working man, a passionate fisherman, highly-skilled craftsman, organic gardener, and could fix anything. He generously shared his knowledge and skills with his children by patiently involving them in projects such as tying flies, restoring a 1940 Ford Businessman's Coupe, building furniture or growing vegetables.

He is predeceased by his mother, father, brothers-in-law, William Jarvis, Frank Nilson and William McMahon, and by his beloved nephew, Michael Jarvis. He is dearly missed by his children, Lee A. Shepka (James), of Windham, New Hampshire, Lynn M. Plotczik (widow of Paul Richer), of Palmer, and Richard S. Plotczik (Deborah MacKinnon), of Greenfield. He leaves his sisters, Joan Nilson, (Surprise, Arizona), Claudia Jarvis, (Fairhaven), and Mary Lou McMahon, (Shrewsbury), several well-loved nieces and nephews, foster grandchildren, Daniel and Virginia MacKinnon, and his best "bud" and faithful fishing partner, Roger Whitehill.

His beloved wife since Nov. 26, 1955, Shirley M. (Philibotte) Plotczik, passed away at Bay-state Wing Hospital on Jan. 11, 2020.

Beers and Story Funeral Home has been entrusted with joint final arrangements which include the honor of interment at Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Agawam, on Feb. 21. At respectful request of the family, services will be private.

His children suggest anyone wishing to make a memorial contribution in honor of their father, can donate to C.A.S.T for Kids Foundation. Donors may designate one of three programs that serve populations particularly meaningful to Dick by indicating your choice in the memo area on your check: Take a Warrior Fishing, which works with U.S. veterans, Fishing Kids, which works with urban youth, or C.A.S.T for Kids, which works with children with special needs. Donations should be mailed to C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation, Plotczik Family's Fund-raiser, 2755 Commercial Street SE, Suite 101, Salem, OR 97302.

*Shirley Mae (Philibotte) Plotczik*

PALMER – Born in Manchester, New Hampshire, on May 18, 1935, to Louise Irving (Freeman) Philibotte and Louis Clyde "Clyde" Philibotte, Shirley Mae (Philibotte) Plotczik passed away on Jan. 11, 2020 with her family by her side.

In her early years, she resided with her family in Three Rivers and North Wilbraham, and enjoyed many summer trips to Provincetown, her mother's birthplace. After her marriage to Richard D. "Dick" Plotczik in 1955, she moved to Palmer where she worked as a telephone operator in the former Bell Block.

With her father passing away close to the time when she was expecting her first child, Shirley dedicated herself to her mother's life-long care. Other than taking care of her own Mom, her most important role was as a stay-at-home mom. After her children reached college age, she worked as a medical records clerk.

Shirley was a loyal and generous friend, a loving and giving wife, devoted daughter, mother, sister and aunt. She loved to bake, was a passionate knitter, an expert seamstress, excellent cook and avid gardener.

She happily shared her considerable creative and cooking skills. By teaching her children and numerous others, she passed along her vast knowledge of knitting, sewing, crocheting and various other forms of traditional craft and culinary arts. She spent uncountable hours with her dearest friends, sharing recipes and patterns, coffee, childcare concerns, giving sound advice, a nonjudgmental ear or a caring shoulder whenever needed, all while knitting needles clicked away. She made generous donations of tiny sweaters and hats for premies born at local hospitals. She once received kind thanks from the McCauley family of Iowa after she sent seven appropriately pink or blue sweaters and matching hats for each of their tiny septuplets born in 1997.

Shirley was predeceased by her beloved husband, "Dick" on Feb. 16, 2019, by both of her parents, her brother, Norman C. "Fuzzy" Philibotte and his wife, Phyllis (Cross) Philibotte, and by her son-in-law, Paul J. Richer.

She will be profoundly missed by her children and their spouses, Lee A. Shepka (James), Lynn M. Plotczik (widow of Paul), and Richard S. Plotczik (Deborah MacKinnon), by her sisters-in-law and by her dearly loved nieces, nephews, foster grandchildren, Daniel and Virginia MacKinnon, and close cousins and friends.

Beers and Story Funeral Home has been entrusted with joint final arrangements which will include interment along with her husband at Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Agawam. At respectful request of their children, and in keeping with their parents' wishes, a military memorial service will be held privately on Feb. 21.

Shirley's children suggest anyone wishing to honor their mother's memory through a charitable donation may send contributions to the Alzheimer's Foundation, which would be greatly meaningful. Online tributes may be made in her name at alz.org or donations by mail may be sent to: Alzheimer's Foundation, Shirley M. Plotczik tribute, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601.



Police Logs

PALMER

The Palmer Police Department responded to a total of 350 calls from Feb. 11 to Feb. 18. The Department made eleven arrests or summons. Those arrested will appear at a future date in the Palmer District Court ad are innocent until proven guilty.

Tuesday, Feb. 11

William A. Wagher, 24, of 1307 South Main St., Palmer, was arrested at 9:39 p.m. on South Main Street in Palmer, on charges of operating under the influence of liquor; negligent operation of a motor vehicle, a marked lanes violation; and having a person under 21 furnishing liquor.

Wednesday, Feb. 12

Brian V. Santos, 43, of 2101

Baptist Hill Rd., Three Rivers, was arrested at 12:02 p.m., on Wright Street in Palmer, on three warrants.

Thursday, Feb. 13

Shawn Patrick Heckley, 25, of 14 Roy St., Chicopee, was arrested at North Main Street in Palmer, on charges of possession of a Class B drug; and having a motor vehicle with no inspection sticker.

Friday, Feb. 14

Henry Atkinson, 37, of 4016 Main St., Thorndike, was arrested on at 8:33 p.m. on High Street in

Thorndike, for an unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Saturday, Feb. 15

Mia Carroll, 36, Homeless, Springfield, was arrested at 10:39 p.m., on Thorndike Street in Palmer, on charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle; failing to stop/yield; and an arrest warrant.

Sunday, Feb. 16

Justin A. Kania, 33, of 2261 Baptist Hill St., Three Rivers, was arrested at 1:21 a.m., on the corner of Wilbraham Street and Hovey Road, on charges of operating under the influence of liquor; negligent operation of a motor vehicle; a marked lanes violation; and speeding.

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SIDNEY "SMILEY" CLARK

We sincerely thank our relatives and friends for their expressions of sympathy afforded us on the death of our husband, father and grandfather. To all who supported us with cooking, flowers, donation, cards, sat with Audrey and all who attended his Celebration of Life, you will always be fondly remembered.

*Audrey, Beth, Tom, Clark, Stephanie,
Caryn, Maureen and Dave*

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF MONSON

Vertex Tower Assets, LLC (the "Applicant") has applied for a Special Permit from the Town of Monson Planning Board and Variance from the Town of Monson Zoning Board to construct a Wireless Communications Facility including a 100' tall monopole style tower at 94 Cote Road, Monson, MA 01057, Tax Assessors Parcel 52-28. The Applicant will conduct a Visual Demonstration to illustrate the location and height of the proposed Facility by raising a balloon at and to the height of the proposed Facility. Said Visual Demonstration will be held **SATURDAY MARCH 7, 2020 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.**, weather and wind conditions permitting. In the event of inclement weather on March 7, 2020, the Visual Demonstration will be rescheduled until Sunday March 8, 2020, wind and weather conditions permitting. In the event of inclement weather on March 7, 2020 and March 8, 2020, the Visual Demonstration will be rescheduled until Saturday,

March 14, 2020 or Sunday March 15, 2020, wind and weather conditions permitting. If you have any questions concerning said Visual Demonstration, please contact the Town of Monson Planning Board, 413-267-4111 OR Francis D. Parisi, Esq., Parisi Law Associates, P.C., PHONE: (401) 447-8500, EMAIL: fparisi@plapc.com. Please check the Town of Monson website monson-ma.gov after noon on the day before the scheduled date(s) to determine if the balloon will be up the following day.
2/20, 2/27/2020

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Brad C. Buteau** to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated November 3, 2011 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 18983, Page 209, as modified by a certain modification agreement

dated August 11, 2016, and recorded with said Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 21358, Page 300, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **1:00 PM on March 9, 2020**, on the mortgaged premises located at 10 Polly Road, Wales, Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated on the westerly side of Polly Road in Wales, Hampden County, Massachusetts, shown as Lot 5 on a "Plan of property surveyed for Richard A. Washburn and Ruth J. Washburn, Trustees for the Michael Todd Matteson & Timothy Russell Matteson located on Polly Road, Massachusetts" by Jalbot Engineering Inc. dated May 21, 1987 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 248, Page 87 and 88.

For title reference see Deed recorded in Book 18841, 527. For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 18983, Page 93. These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California St.
Newton, MA 02458
(617)558-0500 11075
2/13, 2/20, 2/27/2020

LEGAL NOTICE
Pursuant to the provisions of MA Gen. Laws, Chap. 255, Sec. 39A, the following vehicles will be sold at public auction for towing and storage charges due: **PLYMOUTH**
VIN:IP3XA46KONF214406

Stephen Magnanpe 10 Spring St N. Brookfield, MA; **MAZDA** VIN:4F2CZ02Z38KM26005 Angelo Hill 41 Alvard St Chicopee, MA; **AUDI** VIN: WAUFAFL7DN034216 Panuwat Thongkhot P.O. Box 266 Barre, MA; **FORD** VIN:1FAFP55U92G123987 Hayden Miltz 54 Middle St Amherst, MA; **PONTIAC** VIN:5Y2SL62833Z468312 Anthony Rusconi 255 Brookside Cir Florence, MA; **NISSAN** VIN:3N1AB61E38L697824 Ronald Chartier 68 Fairview St Ludlow, MA; **HYUNDAI** VIN:KMHD35LH9HU357698 Morgan LaBelle 384 Appleton St Holyoke, MA. This auction is to take place on February 22, 2020, 10:00 A.M. at LaBontes & Son LLC, 241 Wilbraham St., Palmer, MA 01069.
2/06, 2/13, 2/20/2020

**NOTICE OF
MORTGAGEE'S SALE
OF REAL ESTATE**
Premises: 13 Green Street, Monson, Massachusetts
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Edward A. Maia** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Homecomings Financial, LLC (f/k/a Homecomings Financial Network, Inc.) and now held by Quicken Loans Inc., said mortgage dated November 13, 2007, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 17027, Page 456, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated February 14, 2019, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 22558, Page 121, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on **March 5, 2020, at 1:00 PM** Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land with the buildings there at 13 Green Street, Monson, Hampden County, Massachusetts bounded and described as follows:
Beginning in the Westerly line of Green Street, at the Northeast corner of land now or formerly of Mary A. Beauchemin, and then running
N. 87 degrees 40' W. along the land of said Beauchemin 125 feet to an iron pin to land of Squier & Co., Inc., thence turning and running
N. 0 degrees 33' W. along the land of said Squier & Co., Inc., 51.10 feet to an iron pin at land of Frederick H., Jr. and Marjorie D. Sullivan; thence and running
S. 88 degrees 00' E. along said Sullivan land 125 feet to the Westerly line of Green Street; and thence turning and running
S. 0 degrees 30' E. along the Westerly line of Green Street about 50 feet 9 inches to the place of beginning.
Excepting from the above described premises so much as was conveyed by deed to Squier & Co., Inc., dated December 2, 1967, recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 3306, Page 317.
The description of the

property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see Foreclosure Deed dated July 24, 2007, and recorded in Book 16871 at Page 543 in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within forty five (45) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and
Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758**

Docket No. HD20C0040CA
In the matter of:
Kathryn Emily Nguyen
**CITATION ON PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME**

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Kathryn Emily Nguyen** of Holland, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**Kathryn Emily Gardner
Reilly**
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/03/2020.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 11, 2020
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
2/20/2020

(SEAL)
**COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF
THE TRIAL COURT
20 SM 000543
ORDER OF NOTICE**
To: **David D. Perkins**
Sherry R. Perkins
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):
Selene Finance LP
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Monson,**

numbered **21 Wilbraham Road**, given by **David D. Perkins and Sherry R. Perkins** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp., dated April 25, 2008, and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book **17270**, Page **496**, as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated November 27, 2012, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 19868, Page 517, and further affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated January 12, 2018, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 22362, Page 89, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **March 16, 2020** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of non-compliance with the Act.

Witness, **GORDON H. PIPER**, Chief Justice of this Court on February 3, 2020.

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
20-036603 / FC01
2/20/2020

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family
Court Department
Hampden Division
Docket No.
HD06P180708GR1
NOTICE OF
TRUSTEE'S
ACCOUNT**

To all persons interested in the estate of **RICHMOND WILSON** of Palmer, Hampden County, MA, a protected person.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the Fourteenth Account(s) inclusive of T.D. Bank, N.A., Trustee under a written instrument for the benefit of said **RICHMOND WILSON** has been presented to said Court for allowance.

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WITNESS, Hon. BARBARA M. HYLAND, First Justice of said Court at Springfield this 11th day of February, 2020.

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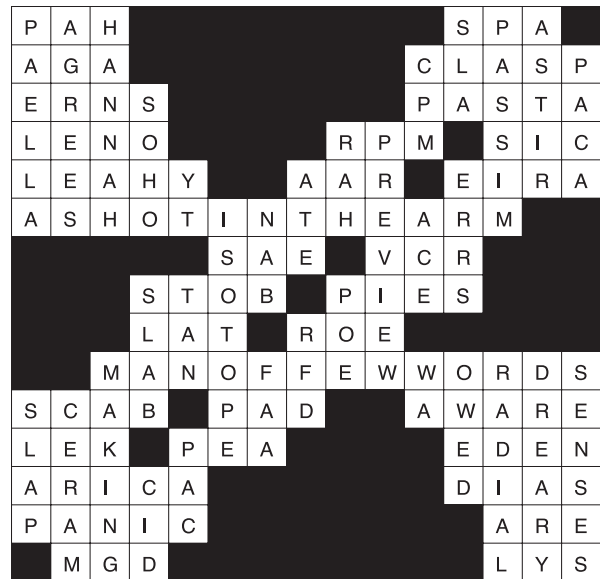
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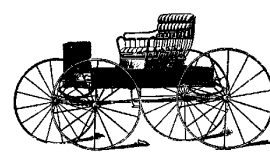
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ST. CHRISTOPHER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH at 16 Sturbridge Road in Brimfield holds Masses on Saturday at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 10:30 a.m., weekday Masses at 9 a.m. on Monday and Wednesday, with the Miraculous Medal Novena and Adoration following Wednesday's Mass. Pastor is Father John "Jack" J. Brennan who is also the pastor for St. Patrick's in Monson. For more information call 413-245-7274 or email stchrisbrimfield@gmail.com.

MONSON-GLENDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH at the corner of Main & Cushman streets in Monson invites you to worship on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Child Care is provided. Sunday School from pre-school through senior high begins at 9:45 a.m. To learn more, contact the Rev. Ira Cameron at 267-3798 or email m-gumc@verizon.net or visit umcmg.org.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH at 251 Shearer St. in Palmer invites the public to the following weekly services: Sunday morning Bible school at 9:30 a.m., Sunday worship at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday night Grow Ministry at 6:30 p.m. Child care is provided during all services as well as children's church for age 4 to 10 during Sunday morning services. Services may be seen Sundays at 12:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on cable TV channel 15 as well as a program titled "Reflections" at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. A radio broadcast, "Melodies of Faith," airs over WARE 1250 AM each Sunday morning at 7:05 a.m. For more information, call 283-7560 or visit faithbaptistchurchpalmer.com.

ST. PAUL'S UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH at the corner of Park and Central streets in Palmer has welcomed Rev. Rae Pertete and his wife Kimberly.

The church invites you every Sunday morning at 10 a.m. for worship services. A time of fellowship and refreshments follows the service at 11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Funday School for children ages 4 to 11 will be held at 10 a.m. Come as you are an join the free flow of ideas and ideals that is Unitarian Universalism. There is a place for you here. For more information call 413-283-8185 or email stpaulsuuchurch@gmail.com or visit www.uuchurch-palmer.org or on Facebook at "St. Paul's Unitarian Universalist Church of Palmer."

THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST PARISH OF MONSON located at 177 Main St., Monson holds services on Sundays at 10 a.m., starting on the first Sunday after Labor Day through the third Sunday in June. Guest ministers and lay leaders lead services. All are welcome to attend for food and fellowship after services. Unitarian Universalism nurtures those of widely different beliefs to pursue beloved community and a world where all people experience dignity and worth. For more information, visit uupm.org.

THE FIRST CHURCH OF MONSON, Congregational/United Church of Christ, at 5 High St. in Monson invites you to regular worship services which are held Sunday mornings at 10 a.m., followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments. A free breakfast is served each Sunday from 8 to 9:45 a.m. from mid-September to mid-June (donations are accepted but not required). Everyone is welcome. Sunday School and nursery care are offered during worship from the second Sunday in September through mid-June. Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. For more information, please call 413-267-3312, visit www.firstchurchmonson.org, email office@firstchurchmonson.org, find the church on Facebook at www.facebook.com/firstchurchmonson.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH located at 1076 Thorndike Ma. Fr. Richard M. Turner, Pastor Tel. 283-5091, email: sttompal@comcast.net. Masses are: Mon through Fri. @ 9:00 am, Sat. 4:30 pm, Sun. 8:30am and 11:00am. Holydays @ 9:00 am and 6:00 pm. Confessions: Sat.

3:30 pm- 4:10 pm or by appointment. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Mondays. 9:30 am to 1pm. Miraculous Medal Novena Tuesdays @9:30 am. Every 2nd Saturday of the Month a Parish Family and Friends homemade dinner is served at 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm all in our community are invited to please join us, free will donations are accepted and appreciated.**SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH**, at 1050 Thorndike St., Palmer invites the community each Sunday at 10 a.m. for atime of worship, fellowship and prayer. There is Bible Study every Thursday at the church at 2 p.m. For more information contact the church at 413-289-6464 or 2nd-baptistchurch@comcast.net.

BETHANY CHARISMATIC CATHOLIC CHURCH at 167 Dunhamtown Road in Brimfield (www.bethanyccc.org). Masses are Saturday at 4 p.m., Sunday at 9 a.m. and Wednesday at 6 p.m., followed by night prayer. Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment. For more information or to speak to a member of the clergy call 413-324-1164 and leave a message. Come join us in worship of our great and loving God.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH, 9 East Brimfield/Holland Road, Brimfield offers Sunday morning service at 11 a.m., with Sunday Bible study at 9:45 a.m., and Wednesday evening prayer service at 6:30 p.m. Small group bible studies, youth and children activities available. Call Pastor Dave Pettis at 413-245-1275 or visit www.friendshipma.com, if interested in more information.

HOLLAND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH at 11 Sturbridge Road has two morning worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. with Sunday School for all ages at 10 a.m. We also gather every Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for men's and women's Bible studies, prayer services, youth group and Kids for Christ ministries. We offer nursery care for all our services. Call the church office for more information at 413-245-9926 or visit the Web site at www.HollandChurch.org.

QUABBIN VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH at 258 Malboeuf Road, Ware offers services on Sundays including adult prayer at 9 a.m., adult Bible study and children's Sunday school at 10 a.m., morning worship at 11 a.m. and evening worship at 6 p.m. There is also women's Bible study on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. The church is one where the Bible and church are real and relevant, with sincere Christian fellowship, practical Bible teaching and personable leadership. For more information, call 413-668-7041, e-mail quabbinvalleybaptist@gmail.com or visit www.quabbinvalleybaptist.com.

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INTERESTED IN QUILTING?

The Quaboag Valley Quilters Guild is looking for new members. The Guild meets on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays of the month at 1 p.m. in the basement of the Palmer Historical and Cultural Center, 2072 Main St., Three Rivers. The Guild is a no pressure group with varying degrees of accomplishments, from novice to Big E “Best In Show” winners. The membership fee is \$48 a year. For more information, contact Barbara Beaulieu at 267-4044 or Merry Mombourquette at 283-7577. Follow us on Facebook.

CHURCH CABOOSE THRIFT SHOP at Second Congregational Church, 1080 Pleasant St., Palmer has bargains on clothing, household items, linens, books, crafts and more. Come and see Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 283-6958 for more information.

THE MONSON LIONS CLUB has a 20-foot x 20-foot tent for rent. The cost is \$75 for a two-day event. The club will put it up and take it down. For more details, contact Curt at 413-668-6653.

DAY SPRING LODGE A.F. & A.M. located 14 Bliss St., Monson is making its hall available for rent for \$75 for a variety of parties and functions. For reservations,, call Doug Battige at 413-267-5855 or 413-265-9398.

RESERVE YOUR CELEBRATION TENT now for your First Communion, bridal and baby showers, graduation parties, family reunions, birthday parties or any other kind of celebration you may have outdoors. The Palmer Lions Club has a tent for you, either 20-feet x 20-feet for \$125 or 20-feet x 40-feet for \$200. This includes setup and takedown in the Palmer area. Call Karen at 413-813-8445 to make a reservation. You may need to leave a message and your call will be returned. The Palmer Lions Club tent rental fees go towards assistance for the people of Palmer, Bondsville, Three Rivers and Thorndike.

MONSON WOODWACKERS wood carving club will meet every Thursday at Monson Senior Center on Main Street in Monson from 6-8 p.m. The club meets throughout the year. Membership is \$10 for the year, payable in September. Anyone interested should call Barbara Mackintosh at 413-237-8303. There are many beginner projects and experienced teachers, as well, within the club.

STAINED GLASS MAKING CLASS will be held on Thursdays at the Holland Community Center from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 6-9 p.m. Glass and tools are supplied. Take six classes for \$48. Class sizes are limited and are open to all ages. For more information call Tom Baltazar at 508-245-2525.

PALMER SALVATION ARMY Service Extension Unit offers residents in Palmer and Brimfield emergency assistance on a periodic basis. The outreach coordinator will be located on the second floor of St. Paul’s Unitarian Universalist Church at 1060 Central St., Palmer. You must schedule an appointment by calling 413-221-8283 so you know what documentation to bring since those seeking assistance have to meet certain criteria and show proof of need. Please leave your name, number and the date you called. Phone messages are checked weekly, not daily.

BOOKSTORE at the Unitarian Universalist Parish of Monson at the corner of Lincoln and Main streets in Monson is open the first Friday of every month from 5:30-7:30 p.m., the third Saturday of every month from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Books priced from 25 cents to \$1 each: fiction, nonfiction, thrillers, horror, mystery, science fiction, how-to, classic literature, children’s books, romances, cookbooks, gardening books and more. All proceeds benefit the parish. Donations are accepted. Call Mary at 267-0033 for more information.

MARTHA’S TABLE STAFF at the Monson-Glendale United Methodist Church is supporting the Monson Open Pantry by providing a meal once a month to anyone who will bring a non-perishable food item. Staff have begun packing and delivering the meals in cooperation with the Monson Senior Center. The meal is served at the church, 162 Main St., Monson on the third Saturday of each month from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. For more information call 267-3798.

SENIOR LUNCHEON. The Monson Council on Aging invites seniors over age 60 to its luncheon program every Monday

– Friday at the Monson Senior Center, 106 Main St., Monson. Home cooked meals are always served at noon. The requested donation of \$2.50 includes the entrée, bread, dessert and beverage. Menus are available in the COA newsletter. Luncheon reservations must be made by 2:30 p.m. the day before you would like to come to lunch. For more info or van reservations, call 267-4121.

GAME NIGHT will be held at Top Floor Learning at the Palmer Public Library the second Tuesday of each month: Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10 (2019) and Jan. 14, Feb. 11 and March 10 (2020) from 6-7:45 p.m. There is no fee or registration required, and attendants must be 16 years of age or older unless accompanied by an adult. Games include Scrabble, Cribbage, Monopoly, Rummy, Chess, Checkers, Uno, Yahtzee, Bridge, Skipbo, Crazy 8’s, Hearts, Dominos, etc. Attendees may bring their own. For more information call 283-2329 or email palewis19@yahoo.com.

MAKE A DONATION to the Monson Free Library in honor of a special person or family member, in the form of a book, DVD or CD, audio book or magazine subscription. The person will receive a letter informing them of your gift. The cost of donations is \$25 for a book, \$20 for a CD or DVD, \$100 for an audio book and \$20 for a magazine subscription. For more information call 267-3866.

SATURDAY, FEB. 22

TURKEY DINNER The Palmer Lions Club will hold a turkey dinner on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 6 p.m., at the Second Congregational Church, 1080 Pleasant St., in Plamer. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children six and under. For tickets call 413-283-5782.

SATURDAY, FEB. 29

SOCIAL JUSTICE FILM The next social justice film, entitled “Crude” will be shown on Feb. 29, at 7 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Church at 177 Main St. in Monson at 7 p.m. The film is free and will be followed by refreshments and discussion. Watch this film and see if Chevron should have received a pass on paying income tax and a subsidy as a gift from the taxpayers. For more info call Malita at 413-596-9075.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

CORNEB BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER will be sponsored by the Sons of AMVETS Squadron 74, 2015 Main St., Three Rivers on Sunday, March 15, noon to 4 p.m. There will be live Irish music by the band Malarky from 1 to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and are available at the post.

ONGOING

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP Please join us at 6 p.m. every first Thursday of the month at Palmer Healthcare Center, 250 Shearer St. Palmer. Light refreshments will be served Contact Kate Martin at 413-283-8361 for more information.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED - Who is Jesus? What did he achieve? How should we respond? “Christianity Explored” is a study which seeks to answer these questions from the Gospel of Mark. The course involves seven weekly one-hour sessions using Bible study, related DVD viewing, and discussion of the pertinent passages. For more information contact Mal at 413-267-5025.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at the Brimfield Senior Center, located in the First Congregational Church, 20 Main St., Brimfield include strength training classes on Mondays and Thursdays from 9-10 a.m.; Tai Chi on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9-10 a.m.; gentle arthritis and chair yoga combo classes on Tuesdays at 10 a.m.; bingo on the second and fourth Wednesday of the monthly (\$1 per card, 25 cents per game, cover-all price \$10); There is a suggested donation of \$2 for 55 and up and \$3 for under 55. Lunch is served on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with reservations required by 11 a.m. on the previous day. There is a \$2 suggested donation. Planning, crocheting and knitting is offered the first Friday of each month and massage with Vicki is offered the third Tuesday of the month from 9:15-11:15 a.m., by appointment only. The cost is \$5 for 10 minutes and \$15 for 20 minutes. For more information call 413-245-7253.

KEEP HOMESTEAD MUSEUM is closed for winter and will re-open on April 5, 2020 at 35 Ely Rd., Monson. Nature trails are open daily for hiking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. New trail maps can be found in the parking lot. The Phillips Sculpture Garden is open year-round (handouts in box on one of the sign posts) For more information call 413-267-4137, email khm@keephomesteadmuseum.org or visit www.keephomesteadmuseum.org

BAYSTATE WING AUXILIARY GIFT SHOP sells unique merchandise at reasonable prices. Gift shop hours are Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. with some weekend hours extended during the holidays. All proceeds benefit the Baystate Wing Hospital, a major part of the community, and provide scholarships to seniors graduating from local high schools. Call 413-370-8169 for more information.

MONSON DEMOCRATS WANTED by the Monson Democratic Town Committee that holds meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Polish American Citizens Club, 7 Bliss St., Monson at 7 p.m.

HAVE YOU HAD A BABY RECENTLY? If you are living in the Palmer, Monson or surrounding communities and you have a newborn baby, call the Palmer Monson Family Network at 283-6246 to get your free canvas bag packing with information for you and practical goodies for your baby. The Family Network, a Collaborative for Educational Services program, is funded by a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.

PLAY & LEARN DROP-IN TIME is happening throughout the school year at the Palmer Monson Family Network on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10-11:30am. The free playgroup includes free play time, snack and circle time and is open to all families and caregivers and their children from 0-5 years old. All PMFN programs are free. The PMFN is located at 4 Springfield St. in Three Rivers and is a program of the Collaborative of Educational Services and receives funding from the Mass. Department of Early Education and Care. For more information call 283-6246.

INFANT AND TODDLER TIME at the Palmer Monson Family Network is available for families with little ones from 0-24 months of age. The free program happens throughout the school year on Wednesdays from 9-10:30 a.m. and provides a fun environment for families and caregivers to connect with others with young children. Snack and circle time are included. Call 283-6246 for more information.

HOLLAND COMMUNITY CENTER, 40 Brimfield Holland, has announced the following recurring events: Stay Fit classes with Sharon on Mondays at 9:30 a.m., Dance Fit with Alice on Tuesdays at 6 p.m., Low Impact Workout with Debbie Sichel on Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Yoga with Sharon on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. and Tai Chi with David Masera every other Thursday at 10 a.m. For more information call 413-245-3163.

STORYTELLING WITH COLLEEN LOWE-SMITH at the Brimfield Senior Center, located in the First Congregational Church, 20 Main St., Brimfield, Mondays at 10:30 a.m. In this group, participants will reflect together on life experiences and practice the art of listening as well as telling. Celebrate one another’s unique stories, inspire one another, create empathy, discover wisdom, and provoke one another to reflect more deeply on one’s own experiences. Participants are welcome to just listen or to tell a story. There is no cost for this program. Call 413-245-7253 for further information.

FRIDAY ZUMBA CLASSES are offered at the Palmer Senior Center, 1029 Central St., Palmer, on Fridays at 9:30 a.m. Zumba Fitness is a Latin-inspired cardio-dance workout that uses music and choreographed steps to form a fitness party atmosphere. People of all ages, shapes and sizes are welcome. Erin Wallace, certified Zumba Fitness instructor, gauges abilities and makes sure everyone exercises safely. The fee is \$25 for five classes or \$7 for drop-in. For more information, contact Wallace at 413-668-7284 or wallace413@gmail.com.

ELBOW PLANTATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY meets the second Thursday of every month (except July, August, January and February in the community room of the Palmer Public Library, 1455 North Main St., Palmer from 2-4 p.m.

KIDS’ CHESS CLUB is hosted at the Palmer Public Library, 1455 North Main St., Palmer on Tuesday afternoons in the

community room from 4-5 p.m. All ages are welcome, including kindergarten through grade 12, families and adults. There is no need to sign-up. For more information contact William Nolte at 413-596-9021.

DIAMOND NATIONAL/CASCADES DIAMOND. Did you every work there? Former employees meet on the third Tuesday of every month at Burgundy Brook Restaurant on Route 181 in Palmer from 9-10 a.m. The stories shared are often colorful but old friendships are renewed.

TICK TALK – A Lyme disease support group of Monson will meet at Grace Community Church at the Norcross House, 125 Main St., Monson the last Saturday of every month from 10 a.m.-noon. The group can be found online at facebook.com/monsonlymesupport/ or monsonlymesupport.com.

FREE PLAYGROUP sponsored by Union 61 Family Foundation Five Grant at Hitchcock Free Academy in Brimfield. Music and Movement on Wednesday, 9-9:45 a.m. and Playgroup on Monday and Thursday 9-11 a.m. For more information, visit www.hitchcockacademy.org or call 413-245-9977.

A NEW, ONGOING ACA (Adult Children of Alcoholic/Dysfunctional Families) will be held on Friday nights at the First Church of Monson, 5 High St., Monson. ACA is a 12-step support group for adults raised in an alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional family. “Another Way to Live” will meet at 6:30 p.m. Voluntary donations only.

WEEKLY CLASSES at Holland Community Center, 40 Brimfield Road, Holland. Mondays and Wednesdays lunch is served at noon, reservations required by calling 413-245-3163 and a \$2 donation is requested. Mondays at 10 a.m. is yoga class with Mah Jongg, and Monday evenings at 6 p.m. is Texas Hold ‘Em. Tuesdays at 10 a.m. is the Coffee Social which is open to everyone, and Open Crafts are held on Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Zumba is held on Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Mah Jongg is at 1 p.m. and Yoga is at 5 p.m., plus Pitch at 6:30 p.m. Stained glass is every Thursday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. and Cribbage is weekly on Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. Walking Club is on Thursdays at 4 p.m. The Billiard Room is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. For everyone. For more information, call 413-245-3163.

MONTHLY CLASSES at Holland Community Center, 40 Brimfield Road, Holland. Cards Against Humanity on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. and Magic the Gathering on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 413-245-3163.

CARD AND/OR BOARD GAMES will be offered at the Brimfield Senior Center, located in the First Congregational Church, 20 Main St., Brimfield, on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 10:30 a.m.-noon. Light snacks and beverages will be provided. A \$1 donation is suggested. For more information call 413-245-7253.

MONDAY ZUMBA CLASSES are offered at Memorial Town Hall, 198 Main St., Monson, on Mondays at 8:30 a.m., sponsored by the Monson Parks and Recreation Department. Zumba Fitness is a Latin-inspired cardio-dance workout that uses music and choreographed steps to form a fitness party atmosphere. People of all ages, shapes and sizes are welcome. Erin Wallace, certified Zumba Fitness instructor, gauges abilities and makes sure everyone exercises safely. The fee is \$30 for five classes or \$8 for drop-ins. For more information, contact Wallace at 413-668-7284 or wallace413@gmail.com.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS is a nonprofit fellowship or society of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. The group is comprised of recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. Local meetings are held every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at The Living Room of Trinity Episcopal Church, 17 Park St., Ware; every Monday at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick’s Church, 22 Green St., Monson; Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Belchertown United Congregational Church, 18 Park St., Belchertown; every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. and the Palmer Historical & Cultural Center, 2072 Main St., Three Rivers; and every Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church, 1080 Pleasant St., Palmer. For more information or to find additional meetings throughout the New England area, visit www.nerna.org.

FREE MUSIC AND MOVEMENT CLASS at Hitchcock Free Academy in

Brimfield. All ages are welcome in this free program sponsored by Union 61 Family Foundation 5, held on Wednesdays, 9-9:45 a.m.; no programs during school vacations or holidays. Listen and move to music and create some of your own. The instructor is Jenn Gagnon. For more information, call Patti Sinko at 508-867-2232 or email sinkop@tantasqua.org.

NEW MUSEUM PASSES are available at the Monson Free Library, 2 High St., Monson. The Friends of the Monson Free Library have renewed the list of museum passes which include free or discounted admission to area attractions like the Connecticut Science Museum, MassMOCA, New England Air Museum, Worcester Art Museum and the Wadsworth Athenaeum. Old favorites that are still available include the Eric Carle Museum, Massachusetts state parks, Mystic Aquarium, Smith College Museum of Art, Springfield Museums and the USS Constitution.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME will be held at the Monson Free Library, 2 High St., every Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m. Join the group for stories, crafts and silliness. No registration is needed and all are welcome.

BOUNCE AND RHYME BABY TIME will be held at the Monson Free Library, 2 High St., every Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and rhymes for children up to 2 ½. No registration is required and all are welcome.

PALMER FOOD SHARE, INC., an emergency food pantry, is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30-11:15 a.m. Food Share is located at 39 Walnut St. in Palmer. Call 283-3614 with questions or to order to pick up food.

FAMILY MUSEUM PASSES are available from the Palmer Public Library. Use your library card to borrow passes to area museums for free or reduced admission to regular museum exhibits at locations like Boston Museum of Science, Ecotarium, Eric Carle Museum, Holyoke Children’s Museum, Mass Audubon, Mass. State Parks, Mystic Aquarium, Normal Rockwell Museum, Salem Witch Museum, Springfield Library & Museums and the U.S.S. Constitution. Passes may be reserved ahead for a specific day by calling the library at 283-3330 ext. 0 or at www.palmer.lib.mas.us.

AL-ANON FRIDAY NIGHT BOOK STUDY meetings - a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength and hope in order to solve our common problems. We believe alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery. Al-Anon has one purpose, to help families and friends of alcoholics. The group meets Fridays at Second Congregational Church, 1080 Pleasant St., Palmer from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

QUILTERS OF MONSON meet every Tuesday, 1-4 p.m. at Columbia Hall, across from St. Patrick’s Church in Monson at 22 Green St. Experienced and beginner quilters get together to work on projects, exchange idea, provide help and encouragement in a friendly and fun atmosphere. For more information call Wendy Skillman at 413-355-0305 or email WendySkill@hotmail.com or go to ‘Monson Quilts’ on Facebook.

STAINED GLASS CLASSES at the Holland Senior Center are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tai Chi (Qui Chong) with Dave Masera has moved to Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Power Yoga on Thursday nights has ended and will resume in the Fall. Movie Night has also returned to the center and will commence on Thursdays in May. For more information contact the center at 413-245-3163.

NURSE DONNA BROWN, RN, of Professional Medical Services, will be at the Palmer Senior Center the first Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m.-noon and every Friday from 9-11 a.m. for blood pressure screenings, blood glucose screenings and to help you with any questions about your medications or other health issues. No appointment is necessary.

MARTHA’S TABLE. Free to the public, a fellowship luncheon will be held at the Monson-Glendale United Methodist Church, at the corner of Main and Cushman streets in Monson on the third Saturday of every month from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Donations of canned goods will be given to the Open Pantry. Good food and good company. See the sign in front of the church for any scheduling changes or call the church at 267-3798 for more information.



On Tuesday, Feb. 18, the Palmer Public Library hosted their very own "Teen Melted Crayon Craft" workshop, led by Youth Adult Librarian Bridget Kennedy.

Crayons + heat = art

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Guests collecting some crayons to later melt onto the canvas.



Left to right is Cait Lynch helping Violet Schoredel glue her crayons to the canvas.



Once the crayons are glued on, a hairdryer is used to melt them into the drawing.



Alice Peabody with her drawing, minutes before the crayons are melted.



Violet Schoredel showing off her finished melted crayon drawing.



Youth Adult Librarian Bridget Kennedy explaining to the guests how the workshop will go.



Violet Schoredel excitedly shows her canvas to Youth Adult Librarian Bridget Kennedy.



Left to right are Ronin and Winter Czub spending some brother-sister time at the melting station.

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